

WSFS Business Meeting Minutes

Chicon 2000

Introductory Comments

The World Science Fiction Society (WSFS) Business Meeting at Chicon 2000, the 58th World Science Fiction Convention, consisted of one preliminary meeting and two main meetings. Meetings were held at various locations as indicated in the text in the Fairmont and Hyatt Regency Hotels, Chicago, Illinois, USA. The podium staff for all meetings were: Donald E. Eastlake III, Presiding Officer; Kevin Standlee, Parliamentarian and Deputy Presiding Officer; Cheryl Morgan, Secretary; and Zanne Labonville, Timekeeper.

Votes by show of hands were not counted; they were used in place of voice votes. When a counted vote was necessary, the "serpentine" method was used. Using this method, all people voting on one side stand, then count off across each row and back down the next row in a back-and-forth fashion. After all of the people voting on one side have voted, then the other side's voters stand and the process repeats. This method allows everyone to see who is voting and tends to assure a faster and more accurate count than other methods of counting heads.

Preliminary Business Meeting

Friday September 1st 2000

1 Call to Order

The Preliminary WSFS Business Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM in the Regent Room of the Fairmont Hotel. An attendance sign-up list was distributed. Similar lists were made available at subsequent meetings and a copy of the final list is attached.

The Chair activated the Secretary. The Secretary responded, "I am the Emergency Holographic Secretary; please state the nature of the Clerical Emergency".

The Chair proceeded to explain that the original Secretary, Mr. McMurray, had been unable to attend Chicon 2000 due to a family emergency and that his replacement, Mr. Sacks, had sadly passed away shortly before the convention. Therefore Ms. Morgan has been acquired to fill the role.

2 Committee Reports

2.1 Mark Protection Committee

Gary Feldbaum, Secretary of the Mark Protection Committee, presented the report of the committee. As the meeting took place late on Thursday no written minutes were available. Mr. Feldbaum promised to supply these in time for the Main Business Meeting on Saturday. The only business reported from the Mark Protection Committee was that a resolution had been passed in memory of Robert Sacks who had been an active member of the Committee.

2.2 Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

Tim Illingworth presented the report of the Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee (attached).

2.2.1 Continuance of the Committee

The Committee moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Moved, To continue the WSFS Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee as previously constituted.

The resolution passed by unanimous consent.

2.2.2 Power to Adopt Standing Rules

The Committee moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Moved, To direct the Secretary, under the authority of Standing Rule 23, to move Section 6.5 of the WSFS Constitution into Section 5.1 to replace the existing Section 5.1.3.

The resolution passed by unanimous consent.

2.2.3 Numbering of Standing Rules

The Committee moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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Moved: That the Standing Rules be collected into Groups and numbered as follows:

Group	Old Rules	New Rules
Group 1: Meetings	1, 2, 3, 4, 9	1.1 - 1.5
Group 2: New Business	5, 6, 7, 8	2.1 - 2.4
Group 3: Debate Time Limits	13, 14, 15, 16, 17	3.1 - 3.5
Group 4: Official Papers	21, 22, 23	4.1 - 4.3
Group 5: Variations of Rules	25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33	5.1 - 5.8
Group 6: Mark Protection Committee Elections	11, 12	6.1 and 6.2
Group 7: Miscellaneous	10, 19, 32, 18, 24, 20	7.1 - 7.6

2.2.3.1 Amendment of numbering

Richard Russell moved to amend the numbering of the rules to make them "loosely packed," so that, for example, Group 1 rules would be numbers 1.10 to 1.50. The intention of the amendment was to allow space in the numbering scheme for new items to be inserted. Nobody seconded the motion so it was not considered.

The resolution passed by unanimous consent.

2.2.4 WSFS Constitution Drafting

The Committee moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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Resolved, that the proper formatting of the WSFS Constitution is as follows:

1. The WSFS Constitution is divided into a number of Articles, which are numbered in Roman numerals, thus: I, II, III, IV....
2. Each Article is divided into a number of Sections, which are numbered with their Article and Section number in Legal format in Arabic numerals, thus: 1.1, 1.2,.... Each Section has a title relevant to its contents.
3. Each Section may be divided into subsections, which are numbered with their Article, Section and subsection number in Legal format in Arabic numerals, thus: 1.5.1, 1.5.2,.... Subsections do not have titles.
4. Enumerated lists of items are numbered with their sequence number in Arabic numerals enclosed in parentheses, thus: (1), (2),....
5. Sections should be arranged in approximately chronological order within articles, as should subsections within sections, and items within lists.

Louis Epstein spoke against.

2.2.4.1 Amendment of numbering: format

Mr. Russell moved to amend item 1 in the motion as follows:

1. The WSFS Constitution is divided into a number of Articles, which are numbered in ~~Roman~~ Arabic numerals, thus: ~~I, II, III, IV~~ 1, 2, 3, 4....

Mr. Russell's amendment passed by unanimous consent.

2.2.4.2 Amendment of numbering: spacing

Mr. Russell moved to amend the numbering scheme to make it loosely packed to allow space for insertion of amendments. Nobody seconded the motion so it was not considered.

The motion passed many to one.

2.2.5 Hugo Voting Clarification

The Committee moved the adoption of the following Constitutional Amendment:

Moved, to amend Section 3.10 of the WSFS Constitution as follows:

3.10.1: Final Award voting shall be by mail, ~~with ballots sent only to WSFS members.~~ Only WSFS members may vote. Final Award ballots shall include

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name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter.

Perrienne Lurie raised a point of information asking about whether the wording of the segment of the Constitution in question included electronic mail.

Saul Jaffe, who will be running Hugo Administration for the 2001 Worldcon, said that it was his understanding that it did. The Chair confirmed this.

Martin Hoare asked what constituted a "signature". The Chair said that was up to individual Hugo administration committees.

2.2.5.1 Amendment of mail to ballot

Martin Hoare proposed to strike out "mail" and insert "ballot".

Kent Bloom spoke against on the grounds that "ballot" might be assumed to mean that voting could only take place at the convention whereas "mail" clearly implied advance voting.

The motion to amend failed.

Because the motion is a Constitutional Amendment it was passed to the Saturday Business Meeting. The debate time was set at 2 minutes.

Enquires were made as to whether an amendment to clarify the situation regarding electronic mail would be in order at the Saturday Business Meeting. The Chair said that it would and asked anyone with an interest in doing so to talk to Parliamentarian¹.

2.2.5.2 Amendment of mail to advance balloting

Bob Daverin moved to strike "mail" and insert "balloting in advance of the Worldcon". There was no debate because the time limit had expired. After a

¹ Upon reflection, the Parliamentarian thinks that amendments such as points 1 and 2 in this subject were quite possibly not germane and could easily have been ruled out of order. This is because technically, the motion was to strike “, with ballots sent only to WSFS members” and insert “. Only WSFS members may vote.” Note that the word “mail” which caused so much debate is not within the scope of the amendment. However, because it is now common to show these kinds of changes in their context, it appeared that the surrounding words were also fair game, which in a strict parliamentary sense they are not. The amendment affecting “mail” should probably have been submitted separately; however, as nobody objected to it, the action stands. This comment should not be construed to criticize the validity of the action taken, but to provide a warning to future meeting staff to watch out for non-germane amendments in these circumstance. - K.A. Standlee

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serpentine count the motion to amend was passed 37-24. The motion therefore reads:

Moved, to amend Section 3.10 of the WSFS Constitution as follows:

3.10.1: Final Award voting shall be by ~~mail~~ balloting in advance of the Worldcon, with ballots sent only to WSFS members. Only WSFS members may vote. Final Award ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter.

2.2.6 NASFiC Reporting

The Committee moved the adoption of the following Constitutional Amendment:

Moved, To amend the WSFS Constitution by replacing all occurrences of "Worldcon" in Sections 2.8 and 2.9 by "Worldcon or NASFiC" or effectively similar wording, as follows:

Section 2.8: Financial Openness. Any member of WSFS shall have the right, under reasonable conditions, to examine the financial records and books of account of the current Worldcon or NASFiC Committee, all future selected Worldcon or NASFiC Committees, and the two immediately preceding Worldcon Committees and the Committees of any NASFiCs held in the previous two years.

Section 2.9: Financial Reports.

2.9.1: Each future selected Worldcon or NASFiC Committee shall submit an annual financial report, including a statement of income and expenses, to each WSFS Business Meeting after the Committee's selection.

2.9.2: Each Worldcon or NASFiC Committee shall submit a report on its cumulative surplus/loss at the next Business Meeting after its Worldcon.

2.9.3: Each Worldcon or NASFiC Committee should dispose of surplus funds remaining after accounts are settled for the current Worldcon or NASFiC for the benefit of WSFS as a whole.

2.9.4: In the event of a surplus, the Worldcon or NASFiC Committee, or any alternative organizational entity established to oversee and disburse that surplus, shall file annual financial reports regarding the disbursement of that surplus at each year's Business Meeting, until the surplus is totally expended or an amount equal to the original surplus has been disbursed.

Ben Yalow objected to consideration. There being less than two-thirds opposed to consideration, the objection failed.

The Chair suggested a debate time limit of 6 minutes.

2.2.6.1 Amendment of debate time

Mr. Yalow moved to amend the time limit to 10 minutes on the grounds that any motion mentioning the NASFiC always resulted in substantial debate. This passed.

The motion was passed to the Saturday Business Meeting.

2.2.7 Awaken the Sleeping Dogs

The Committee moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Moved, To renew all Continuing Resolutions included in the Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee Report.

Mark Olson moved to postpone discussion until the Saturday Business Meeting on the grounds that the motion was very complex and time was needed to study it. This passed by unanimous consent.

2.3 Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee

Mr. Jaffe presented the report of the Worldcon Runners Guide Editorial Committee (attached).

Mr. Jaffe moved to continue the Committee. This passed by unanimous consent.

2.4 Rest of World Hugo Eligibility Committee

Vincent Docherty presented the report of the Rest of World Hugo Eligibility Committee (attached).

2.4.1 Blanket Extension of Eligibility

Mr. Docherty, on behalf of the Committee moved a resolution from the report as follows:

Moved, To extend for one year, based on limited availability, as authorized by section 3.4, the eligibility of all works that:

- 1: Would otherwise qualify for a "specific work" 2000 Hugo Award (sections 3.3.1 through 3.3.6 inclusive);
- 2: Did not qualify to appear on the Final Ballot for the 2000 Hugo Awards;
- 3: Have not been published in the USA as of 31 January 2000; and
- 4: Have not previously had their eligibility extended by resolution of WSFS;

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Winton Matthews asked if eligibility could be extended for more than 1 year. The Chair said that the eligibility extension provisions in the Constitution only allowed for a single year extension.

Gary Blog asked if each book would have to be voted on individually. The Chair replied the point of the resolution was that it covered all items.

Mr. Blog spoke against.

Lew Wolkoff pointed out that one of the alternative motions presented in the report would allow eligibility extension for more than one year. The Chair explained that the resolution before the Meeting would not allow this but the constitutional amendment contained in the report would allow >1 year if it were considered and passed.

Mr. Olson and Mr. Yalow spoke in favour. Mr. Olson said that he felt that a Constitutional amendment would be the best solution but that the resolution could be implemented immediately whereas a Constitutional amendment would require ratification.

Louis Epstein spoke against.

Victoria Smith asked what the resolution would do for foreign language books. The Chair said that different provisions already exist to allow for translations.

Mr. Russell asked if anyone on Rest of World Hugo Eligibility Committee was against resolution. Mr. Yalow said that he had originally been against but had changed his mind. Mr. Standlee said that no other opposition had been formally expressed.

Under Section 3.4 the motion needed a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote to pass. After a serpentine count the motion was passed 53-5.

2.4.2 Extension of the Committee

The Chair asked for unanimous consent to extend the committee.

Rick Katze, the WSFS Business Manager for the 2001 Worldcon, asked to be added to the Committee. The Parliamentarian said that the Business Meeting chair can appoint members.

2.4.2.1 Amendment to scope of committee

Ms. Morgan moved to extend to scope of committee to cover general changes to regulations for the Hugos.

Rick Kovalcik spoke against. Mr. Feldbaum and Mr. Yalow spoke against on the grounds that the scope of the Committee would be too broad.

The motion to amend failed.

2.4.2.2 Amendment concerning appointment of committee chair

Mr. Russell moved to amend so that the new chair of the Committee be appointed by the Presiding Officer of the Business Meeting. This passed by unanimous consent.

The motion to continue the Committee passed by unanimous consent. The Chair said that he would appoint a chair for the Committee at the Saturday Business Meeting.

2.4.3 Other motions from the report

The Chair raised the subject of the other motions included in the Committee report. No member wanted any of the other motions passed on to the Saturday Business Meeting.

2.4.4 Withdrawal of Sky Road motion

Mr. Yalow asked that the motion on The Sky Road be withdrawn from the agenda as it had been rendered irrelevant by the passage of the Blanket Extension of Eligibility motion. This passed by unanimous consent.

3 Worldcon Reports

3.1 Past Worldcons & NASFiCs

3.1.1 ConAdian

Linda Ross-Mansfield presented the ConAdian report.

Mr. Illingworth asked if this was a final report. Ms. Ross-Mansfield said it was not because ConAdian still has money.

3.1.2 L.A. Con III

Mike Glycer presented the L.A. Con III report. This was also not final.

3.1.3 Buccaneer

John Pomeranz said that no report was available but that they do have money.

3.1.4 Conucopia

Mr. Yalow pointed out that Conucopia, being a NASFiC, was not required to report and objected to item being on the agenda. The Chair said that appearance on agenda did not imply a requirement to submit a report. It was simply a courtesy to Conucopia to allow

it to present a report if it wished to do so. No one from Conucopia was available to make a report.

3.1.5 AussieCon Three

Stephen Boucher said the report would be available at the Main Business Meeting on Saturday.

3.2 Seated Worldcons

3.2.1 Chicon 2000

The Parliamentarian passed on a message from Tom Veal, Chairman of Chicon 2000, to the effect that a report would be available at the Main Business Meeting on Saturday.

3.2.2 The Millennium Philcon

Mr. Feldbaum said that a report would be submitted at the Main Business Meeting on Saturday.

3.2.3 ConJosé

Brenda Daverin presented a preliminary financial report.

3.3 Business Passed on from Aussiecon Three

No business was passed on from Aussiecon Three.

Dr. Lurie moved to commend the A3 Business Meeting for not passing on any business. This passed by unanimous consent.

4 New Business

4.1 Resolutions

4.1.1 The Sky Road

This motion, which was for an extension of eligibility for a novel by Ken MacLeod, had been rendered irrelevant by the passing of the Blanket Extension of Eligibility resolution and had been withdrawn.

4.1.2 STET

STET was published in USA and so not covered by the Blanket Extension of Eligibility resolution. Mr. Olson moved as follows:

Moved, To extend the eligibility of issue 9 of the dated periodical STET, based on limited availability, as authorized by Section 3.4.

Johnny Carruthers asked which Hugo category STET qualified for. The Chair replied that it is a fanzine.

Mr. Olson and Mr. Yalow spoke in favour, pointing out that whilst the magazine carried a publication date of 1999 only a few copies had actually been mailed in that year.

Mr. Epstein spoke against, pointing out that cover date (which is given as 2000) already takes precedence over copyright date (1999), per the WSFS Constitution, and that the resolution was therefore redundant.

Rick Katze said that as head of WSFS Division for The Millennium Philcon he would consider STET eligible for nomination in which case motion was not necessary

Mr. Carruthers asked whether the motion was necessary as the fanzine award is for a body of work, not an individual issue. The Chair replied that under the rules for the fanzine award there was a requirement for number of issues to be published in the year in question so the publication year for the issue in question could be important.

Under Section 3.4 the motion required a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote to pass. Following a serpentine count the motion passed 46-13.

4.2 Standing rules amendments

4.2.1 Breakfasters rights

Mr. Standlee moved the following:

Moved, to amend Standing Rule 4 as follows:

Rule 4: Scheduling of Meetings. The first Main Meeting shall be scheduled no less than eighteen (18) hours after the conclusion of the last Preliminary Meeting. No meeting shall be scheduled to begin before 10:00 or after 15:00 local time.

Mr. Katze said that at The Millennium Philcon Business Meetings would start at 10.00 am.

4.2.1.1 Amendment of last possible start time

Mr. Yalow moved to amend by striking out 15.00 and replacing it with 13.00. His argument was that 15.00 was prime programming time and that the Business Meeting should not conflict with any major program items.

Mr. Feldbaum made a speech that appeared to be against the main motion.

The amendment was passed on a show of hands.

Debate proceeded on the main motion with Mr. Standlee, Kent Bloom, Ms. Smith and Mr. Yalow in favor. Chris Edwards spoke against.

After the expiry of debate time a vote was taken and the motion passed on a show of hands.

4.2.1.2 Postponment of future Chicon meetings

Mr. Olson asked whether the times of later Chicon Business Meetings could be changed to a later hour. The Chair said it was possible.

Mr. Olson moved that podium staff investigate the postponement of Saturday and Sunday meetings to a more civilised hour. Ruth Sachter said that Program Division staff would work with podium staff to facilitate this.

4.2.2 Amending amendments

Mr. Illingworth moved as follows:

Moved, to amend Standing Rule 2 as follows:

Rule 2: Preliminary Business Meeting(s). The Preliminary Business Meeting may not directly reject, pass, or ratify amendments to the Constitution; however, all motions adhering to a Constitutional amendment are in order if otherwise allowed. The Preliminary Business Meeting may not refer a Constitutional amendment to a committee unless the committee's instructions are to report to the Main Business Meeting. The Preliminary Business Meeting may not postpone consideration of a Constitutional amendment beyond the last Preliminary Business Meeting. The Preliminary Business Meeting may not amend a Constitutional amendment pending ratification. The Preliminary Business Meeting may consider any business not expressly forbidden to it by the Standing Rules or expressly reserved to the Main Business Meeting.

Mr. Russell asked whether, if passed, this rule could be changed by suspension of the rules. The Chair replied that it could. Mr. Feldbaum raised a point of order that a previous ruling had said that such a motion could not be changed by suspending the rules because the rule implicitly protects absentees (people not attending the

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Preliminary Business Meeting), and such rules may never be suspended. The Chair found the point of order well taken.

Debate proceeded on the motion. Mr. Matthews, Mr. Kovalcik, Mr. Wolkoff, Mr. Illingworth, Ms. Morgan and Mr. Blog spoke in favor. Mr. Olson and Mr. Yalow (twice) spoke against.

Those in favour were generally of the view that the Preliminary Meeting was advertised as an administrative session and should not be used to make major amendments to the Constitution. Those opposed were of the view that it was incumbent on members who wished to have a say in Constitutional matters to attend all Business Meetings and thus it was irrelevant what was done in individual meetings. Mr. Yalow held that it was wrong to restrict important business to a single meeting as this made it easier to pack a meeting with supporters of a particular motion. Ms. Morgan said that manipulation of voting was also possible by bringing up important business in a seemingly unimportant meeting that members did not understand the need to attend.

Following a serpentine count the motion passed 37-26.

4.2.3 Mark Protection Committee Elections

The Parliamentarian called for nominations for the three places on the Mark Protection Committee that were due for re-election. Nomination forms were made available.

Mr. Carruthers asked for unanimous consent to nominate the incumbent members (Ms. Sachter, Scott Dennis and Mr. Eastlake). There being no objection, nomination forms were filed on their behalf.

[See below about the deadline for nominations and acceptance.]

4.3 Constitutional Amendments

4.3.1 Return to 2-year Lead Time

Mr. Docherty moved as follows:

Moved, To Amend Section 4.1.1 of the WSFS Constitution to shorten the lead-time for selection of future Worldcons from three years to two years, as follows:

4.1.1. WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held ~~three (3)~~ two (2) years from the date of the current Worldcon.

Provided that this amendment shall not take effect until the conclusion of the 2004 Worldcon; that there shall be no Worldcon site selection election at the 2005 Worldcon; and that the 2006 Worldcon shall select the site of the 2008 Worldcon.

Dr. Lurie objected to consideration of the motion. There being less than two-thirds opposed to consideration, the objection failed.

Being a constitutional amendment the motion would be passed through to the Main Business Meeting on Saturday. The Chair suggested a debate time of 12 minutes.

4.3.1.1 Amendment of debate time

Mr. Yalow asked to amend the debate time to 20 minutes. Mr. Epstein countered with a suggestion of 15 minutes.

The Chair announced the creation of a blank and said that the options would be voted on in descending order of time.

After a serpentine count the option of 20 minutes passed 36-17.

The motion was passed to the Main Business Meeting on Saturday.

4.3.2 Dramatic Presentation

Three motions (Best Television Series, The Long and Short of It, and The Not So Long and Short of it) concerning the Dramatic Presentation Hugo were on the agenda. Anticipating reluctance to debate such a complex issue, The Chair began by asking for votes on any objections to consideration. In all three cases there was more than two-thirds opposed to consideration, so the objections were sustained and all three motions killed.

4.3.2.1 Reconsideration

Beth Moursund questioned whether the motions could be reconsidered at the Main Business Meeting on Saturday. The Parliamentarian, at the request of the Chair, explained that only someone who voted against consideration – that is, when asked ‘shall we consider this question?’ voted ‘no’ – could move to reconsider the question.

4.3.2.2 Committee on the Dramatic Presentation Hugo

Chris Edwards asked what had happened to the committee appointed to consider this issue of splitting the Dramatic Presentation Hugo.

Mr. Jaffe, a member of the Extending Dramatic Presentation Eligibility to Entire Seasons Committee, spoke to this question. This committee was formed in 1995 and was last heard from at the 1998 Business Meeting. It never produced a report. This committee was not specifically charged with ‘splitting’ the DP Hugo. No committees charged with studying additional DP Hugos were created at the 1999 Business Meeting.

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Mr. Wolkoff moved to create a committee to study the Dramatic Presentation Hugo and make recommendations to the 2001 WSFS Business Meeting.

Doug Friauf asked if new motion on the subject could be introduced at the Main Business Meeting on Saturday. The Chair said no, the deadline for submitting constitutional amendments had passed, so new ones could be introduced only by permission of the Chair or by suspension of the rules.

Debate proceeded on the motion to create a committee. John Lorentz, Mr. Glycer, Mr. Pomeranz, Mr. Russell, Chris Barkley and Tom Sharpe spoke in favor. Mr. Yalow (twice), Mr. Blog and Ms. Labonville spoke against.

After debate time had expired a vote was taken and the motion passed on a show of hands.

4.3.3 Other business

4.3.3.1 Provision of coffee

Mary Morman asked if coffee could be provided at future meetings. Mr. Barkley, on behalf of Hotel Liaison, said he would look into it.

4.3.3.2 Robert Sacks

Ben Schilling asked if the meeting could send condolences to Robert Sacks' family. This passed by unanimous consent.

4.3.3.3 Nomination deadline for Mark Protection Committee

Mr. Katze moved to extend the deadline for written nominations to the Mark Protection Committee from the end of the meeting to 3:00pm. The Parliamentarian said that this would be OK provided that nominations were delivered to him in person, or to con office, by the agreed time. There being no objection the motion passed. The Secretary, as authorized by the Standing Rules, set the deadline for accepting nominations to 3:00pm, and asked for acceptance forms to be delivered to the Secretary, the Parliamentarian, or the Chicon Operations Office.

4.3.3.4 Presentations by bidders

Mr. Docherty asked whether, time permitting, bidders for Worldcons after 2004 could give presentation at the Sunday Business Meeting. The Chair said that he should ask at that meeting.

5 Adjournment

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 11.02 am in memory of Robert Sacks.

Saturday Business Meeting

Saturday September 2nd 2000

1 Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9.10 am.

The Chair explained that attempts to move the meeting to a later time had actually resulted in the meeting being moved to a different location but at the same time, such being the vagaries of Worldcon programming.

The Chair announced that coffee would be provided. There was rapturous applause (followed by complaints from those who prefer to obtain their caffeine in other ways.)

Johnny Carruthers requested a recess to allow members to obtain coffee. The Chair said that this would take too long and that he would recess only long enough to allow the podium staff to obtain coffee.

2 Committee Reports

2.1 Mark Protection Committee

Ballots were distributed during the meeting by Rick Katze and Sam Pierce. The ballots were to be counted overnight and the results reported at the Sunday meeting. The Chair appointed Mr. Standlee, Mr. Illingworth and Ms. Morgan as tellers. The Chair also announced that there would be no zoning restrictions in the ballot as no combination of electoral results could breach the zoning regulations.

The Chair announced that minutes from Thursday's meeting of the Mark Protection Committee, and the minutes from the Australia meeting, were available but had not yet been reproduced. By unanimous consent the presentations of these minutes were postponed until Sunday when copies would be available.

3 Worldcon reports

The Chair changed the order of the agenda so as to allow discussion of hopefully non-contentious issues while members were obtaining coffee.

3.1 Conucopia

No report was presented (and none was required as Conucopia is a NASFiC).

3.2 Aussiecon Three

A report was presented by Stephen Boucher and is attached. The Secretary thanked Aussiecon Three for making a copy of their report available in electronic form thus allowing it to be easily incorporated into the minutes. She asked that other Worldcons might consider presenting electronic versions of their reports in future.

3.3 Chicon

A lengthy financial report in the form of taxation filings was made available to the Meeting.

3.4 The Millennium Philcon

Todd Dashoff presented a report to the podium staff. Mr. Dashoff said that copies of the report would be available to members at the Sunday meeting. He added that a financial report was in their Progress Report 3, available from their bid table.

2 Committee Reports Continued

2.2 Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

2.2.1 Hugo Voting Clarification

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This motion had been passed forward from the Friday meeting with a debate time limit of 2 minutes.

Rick Katze moved to amend that the lack of a membership number should not disqualify a ballot. The Chair ruled that this was outside the scope of the amendment.

The motion passed by unanimous consent.

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Mr. Standlee said that the NP&FS committee would consider the issue of membership numbers.

2.2.2 NASFiC Reporting

Moved, To amend the WSFS Constitution by replacing all occurrences of "Worldcon" in Sections 2.8 and 2.9 by "Worldcon or NASFiC" or effectively similar wording, as follows:

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This motion had been passed forward from the Friday meeting with a debate time limit of 10 minutes.

Ben Yalow spoke against on the grounds that the amendment would add further solidity to concept of NASFiCs.

Perrienne Lurie spoke in favor, saying that she was opposed to the concept of NASFiCs but supported forcing them to report while they existed.

Seth Breidbart added that forcing NASFiCs to make reports would discourage people from wanting to run them.

The motion passed on a show of hands by many to few.

2.2.3 Awaken the Sleeping Dogs

Moved, To renew all Continuing Resolutions included in the Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee Report.

This motion had been postponed from the Friday meeting.

Richard Russell inquired as to whether the Continuing Resolutions would cease to continue if motion to formally continue them failed. The Chair said that he did not think that they would, although this could be debated.

Mark Olson moved to suspend the rules and postpone the motion indefinitely. This motion is not debatable. It requires a 2/3 vote to pass, and obtained the required support on a show of hands.

The Parliamentarian explained that as the motion had not been voted on (and therefore neither approved nor rejected) this meant that Mr. Russell's point was not relevant.

2.3 Rest of the World Hugo Eligibility Committee

The Chair appointed Kevin Standlee (standlee@lunacity.com) to chair this committee. Ordinary members appointed were: Saul Jaffe, Ben Yalow, Rick Katze, Tim Illingworth, Vince Docherty, Mark Olson, George Flynn, Perriane Lurie, Chris Barkley, Cheryl Morgan, Sharon Sbarsky. The chair of the Committee has the right to appoint new members. Subsequent to the Meeting Mr. Standlee renamed the Committee as the Hugo Eligibility Rest Of World Committee (HEROW).

2.4 Dramatic Presentation Committee

The Chair appointed John Lorentz (jlorentz@spiritone.com) to chair this committee. Ordinary members appointed were: Johnny Carruthers, Chris Shuldiner, Chris Barkley, Richard Russell, Gayle Surette, Paul Haggerty, Brenda Daverin, Lew Wolkoff, Michael Mason, Skip Morris, Tim Illingworth, Vince Docherty, Geoffrey Surette, Cheryl Morgan, Tom Schaad, Kevin Standlee, Mary Morman. The chair of the Committee has the right to appoint new members.

Mr. Russell announced that he would create an e-mail discussion list for the committee that would be open to all persons.

4 Constitutional Amendments

4.1 Return to 2-year lead-time

Moved, To Amend Section 4.1.1 of the WSFS Constitution to shorten the lead-time for selection of future Worldcons from three years to two years, as follows:

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4.1.1. WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held ~~three (3)~~ two (2) years from the date of the current Worldcon.

Provided that this amendment shall not take effect until the conclusion of the 2004 Worldcon; that there shall be no Worldcon site selection election at the 2005 Worldcon; and that the 2006 Worldcon shall select the site of the 2008 Worldcon.

This motion had been passed forward from the Friday meeting with a debate time limit of 20 minutes.

John Pomeranz spoke against the motion on the grounds that the extra year gave Worldcon committees time to recover after their bids.

Mr. Olson spoke in favor, saying that taking a vacation as Mr. Pomeranz suggested is a mistake.

Gary Feldbaum spoke against, saying that the Millennium Philcon has found the extra time useful.

Rick Katze said that as a member of the Millennium Philcon he found that the extra year only allowed committee to go round in circles for a year.

Perrianne Lurie (a member of both the Millennium Philcon and Bucconeer committees) said the extra year was useful for sorting out staffing. She also said that WSFS should take time to get used to current changes (i.e. No Zone) before changing things again.

Mr. Carruthers asked why WSFS had originally switched from 2-year to 3-year lead-times.

Mr. Yalow explained that at time the decision was taken hotels required a 3-year lead time. Hotels now book 8 to 10 years in advance so it is no longer sensible to have the extra year. Mr. Yalow added, in support of Mr. Olson, that halting work and restarting again later was bad for committees.

Rick Kovalcik said he understood that hotel policies were changing back towards 3-year booking.

Mr. Standlee said that bidding time related to lead-time. 3-year bidding was too long. Shortening lead-time would shorten bid time and reduce bidding cost.

Ken Smookler (Toronto) said he wanted a 3 year lead-time. He added that people will work hard if they want so he did not think that shortening the lead-time would affect bid time scales.

Vince Docherty (Intersection, UK2005) said that places with a limited number of available volunteers cannot afford to risk burning people out and that therefore a 2-year lead-time was preferable.

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Ruth Sachter asked about the effect the motion would have on NASFiC bidding. The Chair said it would go to a 1-year time scale. He added that the situation is explained in more detail in the Preliminary Agenda.

Dave Ratti said that it would be better to have 3 years and not need them than to not have them and need them.

Mr. Breidbart noted that those people who have work under both 2 and 3 year lead-times all prefer 2 years.

Alexander von Thorn said that committees need the extra time to set up their organization. He added that in his experience hotels are not comfortable with a 2-year lead-time.

Kent Bloom said that a 3-year lead-time increases costs. In addition more people are tied up in committees running future Worldcons and are therefore not available to work on the current Worldcon.

Gary Blog said people are exhausted after bidding and need time to rest.

Bruce Pelz said he had worked under both 2-year and 3-year systems and he felt that committee planning could be done during the bid.

Lew Wolkoff said that in contested races committees would be too busy trying to win.

Sam Pierce said that a 2-year lead time would force us to try other venues, which might be a good thing.

Bob Hillis said hotels would laugh at us if we could not commit to contracts until 2 years out.

Mr. Docherty said that committees have to negotiate with hotels during bid anyway so relations with hotels take place over a much longer time scale.

Following a serpentine count the motion failed 38-51.

5 Other Business

5.1 Further lead-time motions

Mr. Carruthers asked if the lead-time question can be stopped from coming up again. The Chair said that a standing rule could be adopted if that was the desire of the Meeting. However, no one proposed such a rule.

5.2 Archiving of panel tapes

Louis Epstein moved a resolution:

Moved, to encourage Worldcons who tape their sessions to make copies available to the Worldcon history exhibit.

The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Subsequent to the Meeting Steven Silver announced on behalf of Chicon 2000 that they had complied with this request.

5.3 Start time for Sunday meeting

Mr. Yalow proposed to set a start time of 10pm for the Sunday meeting due to lack of business. This was passed by unanimous consent.

6 Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 in honor of Ross Pavlac.

Sunday Business Meeting

Sunday September 3rd 2000

1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10.01am

2 Site Selection

2.1 Report of site selection committee

Tim Szczesuil presented the site selection results. Toronto won. Details are:

Bid	Pre-Con	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Total
Toronto in 2003	253	162	389	571	1375
Cancun in 2003	50	25	41	131	247
No Preference	15	4	10	27	56
None of the Above	3	0	2	3	8
Write-In	0	2	1	9	12
Total	321	193	443	741	1698

Mr. Standlee asked what the count time had been. Mr. Szczesuil said no official time had been recorded he understood that it was less than 1 hr. In the absence of firm data Aussiecon Three still holds the record for the shortest count.

2.2 Questions to the winning bid

Larry Hancock (bid chair) and Peter Jarvis (con chair) for Toronto made a presentation. Progress Report #0 was made available to members. The Toronto table would be opening for membership sales and conversions from 12.00 am. The Guests of Honor will be George R.R. Martin, Kelly Freas, Mike Glycer and Toastmaster Spider Robinson. The Ghost of Honor will be Robert Bloch. The name of the convention will be Torcon III.

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The dates for the convention will be August 28th to September 1st 2003. The following membership rates are good until March 31st 2001.

Membership	Did not vote		Voted	
	\$CAN	\$US	\$CAN	\$US
Supporting	\$60	\$40	Automatic	Automatic
Attending	\$170	\$115	\$105	\$70
Attending & Pre-supported	\$140	\$95	\$75	\$50
Attending & Eager Beaver	\$50	\$35	Automatic	Automatic
Child	\$60	\$40	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

A member asked if sales taxes applied to membership fees. Torcon III replied that this was not the case.

Torcon III will use the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Royal York Hotel, Crowne Plaza Hotel and, especially for baseball fans, the Renaissance Toronto Hotel at the Sky Dome.

Payment was currently acceptable in cash, checks or by Visa card. Mastercard facilities would be available soon. Members were warned that credit card payments would be processed in Canadian funds and may therefore be liable to currency exchange charges.

Asked if their organization was a non-profit, Torcon III replied that it was, but under Canadian Law, not US law. Rick Katze asked whether this would affect pass along funds. He was assured that it would not. Perrienne Lurie asked if Torcon III would be making pass along payments. Mr. Jarvis said that no official decision had been taken but that he supported doing so. Linda Ross Mansfield said that if there was any problem getting Torcon III funds out of Canada then Canadian could process them because it had successfully made pass along payments.

Mr. Katze asked about any data protection laws that may affect data transfer for the purpose Hugo nominations and so on². Ken Smookler said that Ontario has no such law, nor is there a Canadian federal law.

² Members of the previous year's Worldcon are entitled to nominate for the Hugo awards in the current year. Normally the Worldcon from the prior year makes a list of members available to the Worldcon for the current year so that nomination ballots can be distributed. Some countries now have data protection laws that make it difficult for organizations to pass on membership lists in this way.

Johnny Carruthers asked what would happen if a law were passed between now and the convention. Would Torcon III mail nomination ballots for the subsequent year's Worldcon themselves? Mr. Hancock said that no such law was likely.

2.3 Ballots and thanks

The Chair asked for permission to destroy the ballots. This was agreed by unanimous consent.

The Chair moved to thank site selection staff. This was passed by unanimous consent.

2.4 Questions for seated Worldcons

2.4.1 The Millennium Philcon

Todd Dashoff was available to answer questions. He noted that the current membership level is 2800, not counting sales at table during Chicon 2000.

Ruth Sachter asked when hotel information would be available. Mr. Dashoff said it would be in the next Progress Report, along with nomination ballots for the Hugos. The Progress Report was expected to be published in January.

John Addams asked about handicapped access. Mr. Dashoff said that hopefully this would also be in the next Progress Report, along with information on childcare.

Perrienne Lurie asked permission to remind audience that there would be a Millennium Philcon programming brainstorm meeting that day. Details were in the Chicon newsletter.

Mr. Dashoff reminded members that Progress Report #3 was available from the Millennium Philcon table.

2.4.2 ConJosé

Ms. Sachter was available to answer questions, but there were none.

2.5 Questions for future bids

2.5.1 Charlotte 2004

Irv Koch of the Charlotte bid announced that they had letters of agreement for 1905 rooms with 600+ more available. There would be a free shuttle bus and trolley system. There was plenty of space for dealers and the art show, both with good loading access. Good, inexpensive food would be available in the convention center. The ballroom

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theoretically seats 4200 but the effective capacity would probably be nearer 3000. Charlotte intends to pipe video of major events to hotel bedrooms. The committee is 100% Internet based so help from anywhere is welcome. The con intends to provide for self-registration online. Good meeting space would be available, including a special garden plaza for smokers (smoking being prohibited except in designated areas). Transport is easy both from outside and within city. A trolley service³ connects the convention center to the city facilitating restaurant trips.

Mr. Katze asked about shuttle times. They run 24 hours a day.

Mr. Smookler asked about the weather. It is comparable to Washington DC.

Tim Illingworth asked what the dates of the convention would be. It will be the week before Labor Day.

2.5.2 Boston in 2004

Deb Geisler spoke on behalf of the bid. The facilities would be similar to those used for Noreascon 3. Hotel negotiations are complete. The average temperature in Boston at that time of year is 76F. The convention would be on Labor Day weekend. The two main hotels connect directly to the convention center. There are 100 restaurants within 1/3 of a mile of the site. The committee is 2/3 from Boston, others from all over the place.

Louis Epstein asked about seating for major events. Ms. Geisler said that the largest theatre seated about 4000 in auditorium style.

Mr. Smookler asked about hotel rates. Ms. Geisler said they would be in the region of \$129.

In response to questions about local transit Ms. Geisler said that the Boston subway system is very good, as are the buses. Driving in Boston is survivable, if you have a killer edge.

Rick Kovalcik asked about the distance from the facilities to subway. It is about 100 yards.

³ The Parliamentarian, who -- like his parliamentary predecessor George Scithers -- is a transit buff as well as an SF fan, registers his objection to use of the word "trolley" to describe buses sporting replica historic trolley frames. A trolley is a specific technical term referring to a rail or road vehicle that runs on electricity picked up from overhead wires with one or two poles, known as "trolley poles." What Charlotte is describing as a trolley service might be more accurately described as "replica historic bus service."

3 Committee Reports

3.1 Mark Protection Committee

Mr. Illingworth reported on the election. Donald Eastlake III, Scott Dennis, and Ruth Sachter were elected to three-year terms. The results in detail are as follows.

First Seat

Donald Eastlake III	28	34	45
Scott Dennis	26	27	36
Ruth Sachter	14	20	-
Martin Hoare	13	-	-
Invalid	1	-	-
Total With Preference	82	81	81
Needed To Elect (majority)	42	41	41
No (Further) Preference	-	1	1

Second Seat

Scott Dennis	36	42
Ruth Sachter	23	38
Martin Hoare	22	-
Invalid	1	-
Total With Preference	82	80
Needed To Elect (majority)	42	41
No (Further) Preference	-	2

Third Seat

Ruth Sachter	46
Martin Hoare	34
Invalid	1
Total With Preference	81
Needed To Elect (majority)	41

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No (Further) Preference	1
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The Chair announced that a meeting of the Mark Protection Committee would take place following the Business Meeting if time allowed.

The Chair moved to destroy the ballots. This passed by unanimous consent.

Minutes and a financial report from the Mark protection Committee were made available to members. It was noted that the Committee had passed a resolution honoring the late Robert Sacks.

3.2 Worldcon reports

3.2.1 The Millennium Philcon

Mr. Dashoff noted that the copies of the financial report promised on Saturday were now available.

4 New Business

4.1 Dramatic Presentation Committee

Richard Russell made an appeal for help with backup storage for committee email list.

4.2 New motion

Mr. Smookler presented a motion regarding Constitutional wording associated with the voting fee. The Chair requested and received unanimous consent to refer the motion to the Nit Picking & Fly Specking Committee. Mr. Smookler had not formulated precise wording for the motion and therefore none is recorded here. The matter is expected to be raised in the NP&FS Committee Report at The Millennium Philcon.

4.3 Other Presentations

It is not normal for bids beyond the coming year's race to make presentations at the Sunday Business Meeting. However, some wished to do so and as time remained the Chair asked them to proceed.

4.3.1 UK 2005

Vince Docherty and KIM Campbell made a presentation on behalf of the bid for the UK in 2005. The bid will be for Glasgow. New facilities have been added since 1995 - the so-called "Armadillo". There will be proper meeting rooms, with walls and ceilings. The theatre seats 3000. A new Glasgow Science Centre and IMAX cinema have been built close to site. There is an additional hotel on site and the train service is now working again. John Lorentz & Mark Olson have been added to the list of US agents. Progress Report #-3 is now available. Current pre-support prices are \$8 but these will go up to \$20 at the end of September. Baby haggis were given out to members.

Mr. Russell asked if university housing would once again be available. He was told that it would.

Alex von Thorn asked how many hotel rooms would be available. The main hotel has 600 beds and the new hotel 520 beds. Prices would be approximately \$60 per person per night. A global corkage agreement will be negotiated.

Dates for the convention have not yet been fixed. The UK has a Bank Holiday the weekend before Labor Day. However, the convention could go earlier⁴. The Edinburgh festival runs through all of August.

4.3.2 LA in 2006

Mr. Yalow (wearing his SCIFI hat) gave notice of a bid for Los Angeles in 2006. A formal announcement is due to be made at LosCon in November.

Mr. Yalow was asked why the bid was not for a Year of Rat? He said that the date had been chosen based on the pattern of future Worldcons. On facilities he said that the bid was looking at Anaheim once again. The dates would probably be Labor Day weekend.

5 Acknowledgements

The Parliamentarian gave thanks to the Chicon newsletter for help given in printing Business Meeting materials.

The Secretary thanked the Chicon web site for help in publishing agendas. She announced that Business meeting minutes would be available on WSFS web site sometime after the convention.

⁴ Subsequent to Chicon the UK2005 bid announced that it would be intending to hold the convention on the first weekend in August which is also a Bank Holiday in the UK.

6 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned in memory of Ross Pavlac at 10:57.

Cheryl Morgan
Emergency Holographic Secretary

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Appendix A: Attendance List

Chicon 2000 WSFS Business Meeting Attendance List

The following names appear on the attendance list, along with an indication of which days that person attended. Some people entered their names but did not indicate which days they attended. The list was transcribed from hand-written records by Kevin Standlee, who did the best he could to decipher handwriting, and apologizes for any mistakes in people's names.

Name	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Adina Adler		X	X
Gary Agin		X	X
Robert Alivojvodic	X	X	X
Paul Allwood	X	X	X
Lynn Anderson		X	X
B. Shirley Avery	X	X	
Chris Barkley	X		
Tom Beck		X	X
Elizabeth Bendtser		X	
Leroy F. Berven	X	X	X
Gary S. Blog	X	X	
Kent Bloom	X	X	X
Stephen Boucher	X	X	X
Seth Breidbart		X	X
James M. Briggs	X	X	X
KIM Campbell	X	X	X
Gordon Carleton			
Johnny Carruthers	X	X	X
Lori Chapek-Carleton			
Sandra Childress	X	X	

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Name	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
David Clark			X
Dennis Coswell		X	
Naomi Cowan-Barkley		X	
Matt Crawford			X
Todd Dashoff	X	X	X
James Stanley Daugherty	X		
Bob Daverin	X	X	X
Brenda Daverin	X	X	X
John Day	X		
Gay Ellen Dennett	X	X	X
Jane Dennis	X	X	
Scott Dennis		X	
Steven desJardins		X	
Martin E. Deutsch	X	X	
Vincent Docherty	X	X	X
Paul G. Dolenac	X	X	X
Paul Dormer	X	X	X
Donald Eastlake III	X	X	X
Chris Logan Edwards	X		X
Louis Epstein	X	X	X
Bill Farina	X		
Gary Feldbaum	X	X	X
Steve Fellows			
George Flynn	X	X	X
Steve Francis		X	X
Sue Francis	X	X	X
Pam Fremon	X	X	X
Doug Friauf	X	X	X
Janice Gelb		X	
Jay Gerst		X	X
Mike Glycer	X		X
Liz Gross			

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Name	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Halmer D. Haag	X	X	
Paul Haggerty	X	X	X
Larry Hancock			X
P. R. Hayden		X	
Bob Hillis			
Martin Hoare	X		
Robert Hole Jr		X	X
Tim Illingworth	X	X	X
Saul Jaffe	X	X	X
Peter Jarvis			X
Rick Katze	X	X	X
William Keaton	X	X	X
Mike Kennedy	X	X	X
Mike Kingsly		X	X
Robert Klein	X	X	
Lincoln W. Kliman		X	X
Rick Kovalcik	X	X	X
Zanne Labonville	X	X	X
John Lorentz	X	X	X
Perrienne Lurie	X	X	X
Keith Lynch		X	
Bob MacIntosh		X	
Sandy MacMurdo			X
Jim Mann	X	X	
Michael Mason	X	X	X
Winton Matthews	X	X	X
Edward McArdle	X		
Cheryl Morgan	X	X	X
Mary Morman	X	X	
Skip Morris	X	X	
Beth Moursund	X	X	X
Sandy Nakata	X		

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Name	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Myles F. O'Reilly			X
Mark Olson	X	X	X
Carol Paolucci			X
Sara Paul	X	X	X
Bruce Pelz		X	
Yvonne Penney			X
Sam Pierce	X	X	X
Michael Pins	X		
John Pomeranz	X	X	
Pat Portler	X		
Dave Ratti	X	X	X
Mark E. Richards	X	X	X
Linda Ross-Mansfield	X	X	X
Richard S. Russell	X	X	X
Ruth Sachter	X	X	X
Sharon Sbarsky		X	X
Tom Schaad	X	X	X
Ben Schilling	X	X	X
Mike Scott	X		
Zev Sero	X		
David Shallcross	X	X	X
Cris Shuldiner	X	X	
Victoria A. Smith	X	X	X
Ken Smookler		X	X
Kevin Standlee	X	X	X
Gayle Surrette	X	X	X
Geoff Surrette		X	X
Tim Szczesuil			
Adam Tilghman	X	X	X
Don A. Timm	X	X	X
Bertie Van Aseldonk			X
Alex von Thorn		X	X

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Name	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Gail Walker		X	
Lew Wolkoff	X	X	X
Julie Watkins	X	X	X
Ben Yalow	X	X	X
James M. Young		X	

Appendix B: Report of the Nit Picking & Fly Specking Committee

Report of the WSFS Nitpicking and Fly Specking Committee

The committee reports (attached) the compilation of items from the 1999 Worldcon, together with the collected items from earlier Worldcons. The committee continues to use a definition of “likely to continue to have effect for more than a year” as “continuing”. Items appearing with a “BM” in them were motions passed by the Business Meeting while items with a “CH” in them are rulings or opinions of the Chair.

The list has been pruned this year, to remove items which have since been incorporated in the Constitution or Standing Rules.

The committee intends to make this full cumulative report available through its web page.

At San Antonio, the committee was charged with codifying the “customs and usages of WSFS” in light of the recent constitutional amendment which refers to such matters.

As a first step in this research, Tim Illingworth & Pat McMurray have OCRed and corrected the WSFS Business Meeting minutes for 1974, 1979-1988, and 1990-1992. 1993-date are available elsewhere (through Saul Jaffe). Kent Bloom has found a copy of the 1989 minutes, and so they too should be available in due course. This will make minutes for all Business Meetings from 1979 to date available to any interested party.

These minutes are currently held in Word 6 format, and should be available from Tim’s web site (www.smof.demon.co.uk) Real Soon Now. The 1979 minutes are a report constructed from Ben Yalow's copy of the agenda of the Main Meeting with contemporaneous annotations.

Pursuant to BM-94-1, www.wsfs.org has been updated, and copies of documents have been supplied to Saul Jaffe for the SF-Lovers archive.

Don Eastlake

Tim Illingworth

Kevin Standlee

The NP&FSC moves the adoption of the following motions:

1 Short Title: Continue NP&FSC

Moved, To continue the WSFS Nitpicking and Flyspecking Committee as previously constituted.

2 Short Title: Power to adopt Standing Rules

Moved, To direct the Secretary, under the authority of Standing Rule 23, to move Section 6.5 of the WSFS Constitution into Section 5.1 to replace the existing Section 5.1.3.

Discussion: At the moment, the power to adopt Standing Rules is in two places in the Constitution - 5.1.3 and 6.5. We suggest that this would best be resolved by moving the text from 6.5 to 5.1.3, replacing the existing 5.1.3. As a footnote, we note that 5.1.3 allows rules "for governance of the Business Meeting", whereas 6.5 allows rules "for the governance of the Business Meeting and related activities". The latter is probably the better idea.

3 Short Title: Numbering of the Standing Rules

Moved: That the Standing Rules be collected into Groups and numbered as follows:

Group	Old Rules	New Rules
Group 1: Meetings	1, 2, 3, 4, 9	1.1 - 1.5
Group 2: New Business	5, 6, 7, 8	2.1 - 2.4
Group 3: Debate Time Limits	13, 14, 15, 16, 17	3.1 - 3.5
Group 4: Official Papers	21, 22, 23	4.1 - 4.3
Group 5: Variations of Rules	25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33	5.1 - 5.8
Group 6: Mark Protection Committee Elections	11, 12	6.1 and 6.2
Group 7: Miscellaneous	10, 19, 32, 18, 24, 20	7.1 - 7.6

Discussion: This involves no changes to any of the text of the rules, but would make the numbers more loose-packed. It should make it easier for those unfamiliar with the Rules to follow them. Some of the rules in Group 7 could probably find a home elsewhere, if the Business Meeting so desires.

4 Short Title: WSFS Constitution Drafting

Resolved, that the proper formatting of the WSFS Constitution is as follows:

1. The WSFS Constitution is divided into a number of Articles, which are numbered in Roman numerals, thus: I, II, III, IV....
2. Each Article is divided into a number of Sections, which are numbered with their Article and Section number in Legal format in Arabic numerals, thus: 1.1, 1.2,.... Each Section has a title relevant to its contents.
3. Each Section may be divided into subsections, which are numbered with their Article, Section and subsection number in Legal format in Arabic numerals, thus: 1.5.1, 1.5.2,.... Subsections do not have titles.
4. Enumerated lists of items are numbered with their sequence number in Arabic numerals enclosed in parentheses, thus: (1), (2),....
5. Sections should be arranged in approximately chronological order within articles, as should subsections within sections, and items within lists.

Notes:

(1) Section 3.3 (Hugo Definitions) should really be an enumerated list rather than a set of subsections.

(2) Since subsections don't have titles, the names of the various Hugo Awards are substantive parts of the Constitution (which is current custom and practice).

5 Short Title: Hugo Voting Clarification

Moved, to amend Section 3.10 of the WSFS Constitution as follows:

3.10.1: Final Award voting shall be by mail, ~~with ballots sent only to WSFS members.~~ Only WSFS members may vote. Final Award ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter.

Discussion: This would accomplish two changes. It would legitimise the current practice of distributing Hugo ballots to non-members (e.g. by sending them as flyers to conventions) and it would explicitly restrict voting to WSFS members. This is necessary, as Hugo nomination is open to non-WSFS members.

Moved by: NP&FS Committee, Ben Yalow, George Flynn.

6 NASFiC Reporting

Moved, To amend the WSFS Constitution by replacing all occurrences of "Worldcon" in Sections 2.8 and 2.9 by "Worldcon or NASFiC" or effectively similar wording, as follows:

Section 2.8: Financial Openness. Any member of WSFS shall have the right, under reasonable conditions, to examine the financial records and books of account of the current Worldcon or NASFiC Committee, all future selected Worldcon or NASFiC Committees, and the two immediately preceding Worldcon Committees and the Committees of any NASFiCs held in the previous two years.

Section 2.9: Financial Reports.

2.9.1: Each future selected Worldcon or NASFiC Committee shall submit an annual financial report, including a statement of income and expenses, to each WSFS Business Meeting after the Committee's selection.

2.9.2: Each Worldcon or NASFiC Committee shall submit a report on its cumulative surplus/loss at the next Business Meeting after its Worldcon.

2.9.3: Each Worldcon or NASFiC Committee should dispose of surplus funds remaining after accounts are settled for the current Worldcon or NASFiC for the benefit of WSFS as a whole.

2.9.4: In the event of a surplus, the Worldcon or NASFiC Committee, or any alternative organizational entity established to oversee and disburse that surplus, shall file annual financial reports regarding the disbursement of that surplus at each year's Business Meeting, until the surplus is totally expended or an amount equal to the original surplus has been disbursed.

Discussion: This imposes the same financial reporting requirements on NASFiCs that currently apply to Worldcons. It would not be binding on Conucopia.

7 Short Title: Awaken the Sleeping Dogs

Moved, To renew all Continuing Resolutions included in the Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee Report.

Discussion: The NP&FS Committee's duties include maintaining a list of all previously adopted resolutions of continuing effect, or "Continuing Resolutions." The Committee believes that it would be in the best interests of WSFS if such resolutions were annually renewed, rather than left to gather parliamentary dust. The meeting need not consider each previously adopted Continuing Resolution separately. They can be voted upon as a unit, as long as no member requests a separate vote on any particular item. Because this is a list of unrelated resolutions, any one member may "call" (request separate consideration) any of the resolutions. The Committee recommends that the Chair first ask if any member wishes to call any resolutions from the attached list, then take a

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vote on the list of uncalled resolutions, then consider each called resolution separately. Any resolutions that are not renewed shall be dropped from the list of Continuing Resolutions. The Committee intends to return the list of Continuing Resolutions to each year's Business Meeting for renewal.

Appendix C: Report of the Worldcon Runners Guide Editorial Committee

Report of the Worldcon Runners Guide Editorial Committee

Membership: Saul Jaffe (Chair), Sharon Sbarsky, and Ben Yalow

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I regret to say that the committee has not done much over the last year. I won't make excuses. All I will say is that is my personal opinion that fandom has had too much of illness and death this past year.

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The WRGE Committee moves the adoption of the following motion:

Short Title: Continue WRGEC

Moved, To continue the Worldcon Runners Guide Editorial Committee as previously constituted, and to instruct the committee to report to the 2001 WSFS Business Meeting.

Saul Jaffe

Appendix D: Report of the Rest of the World Hugo Committee

Rest of the World Hugo Eligibility Committee

This committee was charged by the 1999 WSFS Business Meeting with studying the issues surrounding the eligibility and nomination for the Hugo Award of works first published outside the USA. There is an underlying assumption in all of these proposals that, inasmuch as most of the people nominating and voting for the Hugo Award live in the USA, works first published outside of the USA are at a severe disadvantage. This disadvantage is perceived to apply even when the Worldcon is held in a country other than the USA, because even then, most Hugo voters are from the USA. The committee does not address this assumption directly in this report, inasmuch as it primarily is an argument for or against any change at all.

After deliberation, the committee finds there are four major options, which we discuss in this report.

Among the issues the committee discussed, a few overarching goals were identified.

- **Minimum Change.** In order to prevent unexpected side effects, any changes should be the minimum necessary to accomplish the stated goal.
- **Ease of Administration.** A proposal should not be excessively complex to administer, or create unreasonable demands upon the Hugo Administrators.
- **No Second Nomination.** If a work receives sufficient nominations to appear on the Final Award Ballot, it should never be eligible to appear on that ballot again, regardless of whether or not it wins the award or is withdrawn from nomination by the author. The Committee believes that this will eliminate “tactical withdrawals,” where an author withdraws a work because s/he feels the work might have a better chance of winning during its second year of eligibility. Note that a “tactical withdrawal” is not quite the same thing as withdrawing a work as unrepresentative, which is authorized under current 3.2.5. The committee believes that if a work is withdrawn during its first year of eligibility as “unrepresentative,” then receives sufficient votes in its subsequent eligibility year to qualify for the ballot in substantially the same form, the Hugo Administrator should disqualify it from the Final Ballot on the grounds that the same work had already been withdrawn as unrepresentative. The committee recognizes that this does potentially complicate the job of Hugo Administration, in contravention of the previous goal.

Blanket Two Year Eligibility

The committee considered proposals to simply extend the eligibility of the Hugo Award to works published in the previous two years, as opposed to the current one year. While this is may be technically the easiest change to implement, the committee believes that it would introduce more problems than it would solve. However, wording that would accomplish a blanket two-year eligibility would be:

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Moved, To amend portions of Article III of the WSFS Constitution to have the effect of granting two years of eligibility for the Hugo Award to all specific works, and to administer this change, as follows:

3.2.1: Unless otherwise specified, Hugo Awards are given for work in the field of science fiction or fantasy appearing for the first time during the previous two calendar ~~year~~-years.

3.2.2: A work originally appearing in a language other than English shall also be eligible for the year in which it is first issued in English translation and the following year. ~~A work, once it has appeared in English, may thus be eligible only once.~~

Insert the following after existing subsection 3.2.2:

3.2.x: A work shall not be eligible if in a prior year it qualified to appear on the final Award ballot, regardless of whether or not it actually did appear on that ballot, unless it was withdrawn as unrepresentative as authorized elsewhere in this section.

The committee recommends against adoption of blanket two-year eligibility, and does *not* move the adoption of this amendment.

Multiple Year Eligibility for Non-US Works

The committee's opinion is divided on the issue of whether or not there will continue to be a significant difficulty in distribution of works initially published outside of the USA. If the Business Meeting desires to produce a long-term result of giving those works first published outside of the USA an extra year of eligibility for the Hugo Award, the best way to do it would be to amend the Constitution. The following wording would accomplish this extension:

Moved, To amend portions of Article III of the WSFS Constitution to have the effect of extending an extra year of eligibility for the Hugo Award to works first published outside of the USA, and to administer this change, as follows:

Insert the following after existing subsection 3.2.2:

3.2.x. A work originally appearing in a country other than the United States of America shall also be eligible for the year in which it is first published in the United States of America.

3.2.x. A work shall not be eligible if in a prior year it qualified to appear on the final Award ballot, regardless of whether or not it actually did appear on that ballot, unless it was withdrawn as unrepresentative as authorized elsewhere in this section.

If the Business Meeting does adopt this amendment, it should also consider adopting an eligibility extension resolution (see next section), which would address eligibility issues

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immediately, whereas a constitutional amendment could not take effect until the end of the 2001 Worldcon.

Yearly Eligibility Extension by Resolution

The WSFS Constitution, section 3.4, authorizes the Business Meeting to extend the eligibility of works that receive “extremely limited distribution” in their initial eligibility year. This extension requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote of the Business Meeting. The Business Meeting has never actually extended the eligibility of any work or group of works, although the 1998 Business meeting did consider an advisory resolution worded in similar terms regarding a nominee for the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Author. (Worldcons administer this award, but WSFS does not have jurisdiction over the award’s eligibility rules.)

If the perceived inequitable distribution of works originally published outside of the USA is a relatively short-term problem that will disappear as part of “globalization,” adopting an eligibility extension resolution from year to year would probably be the best option to address a short-term need. In addition, year-by-year extension by resolution has the advantage of being easy to stop if it proves unworkable. By contrast, constitutional amendments take at least two years, and usually more, to work their way through the adoption process. If a constitutional amendment proves to be unworkable, it could take years to fix it.

The committee believes that the motion below, suitably updated with appropriate years, could be passed at each year’s WSFS Business Meeting to continue extending eligibility one year at a time. This may be an alternative to amending the constitution; however, it would require the Business Meeting to adopt the motion each year, and to establish a mechanism for the motion to be introduced each year. (Possibilities include continuing the ROWHE Committee and charging the Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee to include this motion in the list of Continuing Resolutions.)

The committee moves the adoption of the following motion:

Moved, To extend for one year, based on limited availability, as authorized by section 3.4, the eligibility of all works that:

- 1: Would otherwise qualify for a "specific work" 2000 Hugo Award (sections 3.3.1 through 3.3.6 inclusive);
- 2: Did not qualify to appear on the Final Ballot for the 2000 Hugo Awards;
- 3: Have not been published in the USA as of 31 January 2000; and
- 4: Have not previously had their eligibility extended by resolution of WSFS;

This motion extends eligibility for the Hugo Award; therefore, it requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote.

If the above motion passes, the committee moves the adoption of the following motion:

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Moved, To continue the Rest of the World Hugo Eligibility Committee as previously constituted and charged, with a new Chair appointed by the Business Meeting.

Note that the current Chair of the ROWHE Committee will not accept reappointment as Chair of the committee, although he will continue to work with the committee if it is renewed.

Do Nothing

It may be that this entire issue will soon become moot, with the increasingly easy availability of works initially published outside the USA. If the Business Meeting believes this to be the case, then it may choose to do nothing and leave the current situation unchanged. Obviously, the Business Meeting need not explicitly vote to do nothing – a motion to do would be dilatory, anyway – but it can accomplish the same result by not considering any of the proposals in this committee report.

Committee Recommendations

The Committee is divided over the best approach to this situation. Those members of the committee who expressed a preference during the committee's e-mail-based discussion were:

Mark Olson: Favors choice 2 (Constitutional Amendment), followed by 3 (Blanket Resolution) as either a short or long-term solution, followed by 4 (Do nothing).

Ben Yalow: Favors choice 4 (Do nothing), followed by 2 (Amendment), followed by 3 (Resolution); in general favors specific resolutions extending eligibility on a case-by-case basis.

George Flynn, Kevin Standlee, Vincent Docherty: Favors choice 3 (Resolution) as a trial, followed by 2 (Amendment), followed by 4 (Do nothing), followed by choice 3 (Resolution) as a long-term solution.

No other participants in the on-line discussion expressed a preference. There was near-consensus that blanket two-year eligibility was a bad idea, and nobody favored it in their preference lists. The committee reports wording that would accomplish two-year eligibility in the interest of reducing on-the-floor technical arguments, but recommends against such a proposal.

The committee moves the adoption of the blanket eligibility resolution, as noted above, and the contingent motion on extension of the committee if the first motion passes.. The committee does not move the adoption of either of the constitutional amendments, but reports them to the Business Meetings for use if they so desire.

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Committee List

This report attempts to reflect as many views expressed in online discussion of the Hugo Eligibility issue as reasonably possible. The bulk of this committee report was written by Kevin Standlee and reviewed by Vince Docherty, and the rest of the committee did not have an opportunity to review it prior to the Business Meeting. Therefore, this report cannot be guaranteed as representative of all members of the committee.

The following people participated in the online discussion:

Vincent Docherty, Chairman; George Flynn, Patrick Nielsen Hayden, Tim Ilingworth, Saul Jaffe, Perrienne Lurie, Mark Olson, Robert Sacks, Sharon Sbarsky, Mike Scott, Kevin Standlee, Ben Yalow.

Vincent Docherty

Appendix E: Agenda for the Preliminary Business Meeting

AGENDA FOR WSFS BUSINESS MEETING

Preliminary Business Meeting, Friday, September 1, 2000

Presiding Officer: Donald Eastlake III
Parliamentarian/Deputy P.O.: Kevin Standlee
Secretary: Robert Sacks (standing in for Pat McMurray)
Emergency Holographic Secretary: Cheryl Morgan
Timekeeper: Zanne Labonville

1 Committee Reports

Committee reports may include motions. Motions made by committees consisting of more than one person need not be seconded.

1.1 Mark Protection Committee (Including Nominations for MPC)

See the World Science Fiction Society Constitution, Sections 1.7 and 1.8, and Standing Rules 11 and 12. Zone residency of elected members is shown as follows: ^WWest; ^CCentral; ^EEast; ^RRest of World.

Officers: Randall Shepherd (Chairman), Tim Illingworth (Vice Chairman), Scott Dennis (Treasurer), Gary Keith Feldbaum (Secretary).

Membership: elected until Chicon 2000: Scott Dennis^C, Donald Eastlake III^E, Ruth Sachter^W; *elected until the Millennium Philcon:* Tim Illingworth^R, Kevin Standlee^W, Ben Yalow^E; *elected until ConJosé:* Stephen Boucher^R, Gary Keith Feldbaum^E, Sue Francis^C. *Worldcon appointees:* Covert Beach (Bucconeer), Randall Shepherd (Aussiecon Three), Zanne Labonville (Chicon 2000), Todd Dashoff (Millennium Philcon), Cheryl Morgan (ConJosé). *NASFiC appointee:* Vacant (Conucopia). *Other (non-voting) officers appointed by the Committee:* Mark Olson, George Flynn (Postal Officers), Kenneth Smookler (Canadian Mark Registration)

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The committee is to report and the positions currently occupied by Scott Dennis, Donald Eastlake, and Ruth Sachter are up for nomination. The election, if necessary, will be held at the Main Business Meeting on September 2. Due to zone residency restrictions, we can elect at most two people from the Western zone, two people from the Central zone, one person from the Eastern zone, and three people from the Rest of the World.

1.2 Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

The 1986 WSFS Business Meeting voted to create a special committee to research and codify all resolutions of the WSFS Business Meeting that are still in force. This committee has submitted reports to Business Meetings since 1987, and has each year been continued to report to the next Business Meeting. Written report attached.

Membership: Donald E. Eastlake, III (Chairman), Tim Illingworth, Kevin Standlee.

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1.3 Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee

This committee was established by the 1989 WSFS Business Meeting, and has been continued ever since.

Membership: Saul Jaffe (Chair), Sharon Sbarsky, and Ben Yalow

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1.4 Rest of the World Hugo Eligibility Committee

At the 1999 WSFS Business Meeting, a constitutional amendment intended to extend the eligibility of works first published outside of the USA was referred to a committee consisting of Vincent Docherty and such other persons as he may choose to appoint to the committee. (Report attached.)

2 Worldcon Reports

2.1 Past Worldcons and NASFiCs

2.1.1 ConAdian (1994)

2.1.2 L.A.con III (1996)

2.1.3 Bucconeer (1998)

2.1.4 Conucopia (1999 NASFiC)

2.1.5 Aussiecon Three (2000)

2.2 Seated Worldcons

2.2.1 Chicon 2000 (2000)

2.2.2 The Millennium Philcon (2001)

2.2.3 ConJosé (2002)

3 Business Passed On from Aussiecon Three

There is no Business Passed On from Aussiecon Three.

4 New Business

4.1 Resolutions

Items under this heading may be voted upon and final action taken by the Preliminary Business Meeting.

4.1.1 Hugo Eligibility Extension: The Sky Road

Moved, To extend the eligibility of *The Sky Road*, a novel by Ken MacLeod, for a year, based on limited availability, as authorized by Section 3.4.

Discussion: The novel appeared in 1999, but only as a UK hardcover. The UK paperback, and the US publication, all took place (or will take place) in 2000. Since UK hardcover print runs are often so limited, as compared to US print runs, or UK paperback print runs, this book meets the criteria set out for extending eligibility.

Moved by Ben Yalow and Jim Mann.

This motion extends eligibility for the Hugo Award; therefore, it requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote.

4.1.2 Hugo Eligibility Extension: STET 9

Moved, To extend the eligibility of issue 9 of the dated periodical *STET*, based on limited availability, as authorized by Section 3.4.

Moved by Mark Olson and Ben Yalow.

This motion extends eligibility for the Hugo Award; therefore, it requires a $\frac{3}{4}$ vote.

4.2 Standing Rules Amendments

Items under this heading may be voted upon and final action taken by the Preliminary Business Meeting. Standing rules amendments take effect at the conclusion of the 2000 Business Meeting unless given earlier effect by specific provision and a two-thirds vote. In all amendments, new text is shown in underline type and stricken text is shown in ~~strikethru type~~.

4.2.1 Breakfasters' Rights Amendment

Moved, to amend Standing Rule 4 as follows:

Rule 4: Scheduling of Meetings. The first Main Meeting shall be scheduled no less than eighteen (18) hours after the conclusion of the last Preliminary Meeting. No meeting shall be scheduled to begin before 10:00 or after 15:00 local time.

Moved by Kevin Standlee and Tim Illingworth.

4.2.2 Amending Amendments

Moved, to amend Standing Rule 2 as follows:

Rule 2: Preliminary Business Meeting(s). The Preliminary Business Meeting may not directly reject, pass, or ratify amendments to the Constitution; however, all motions adhering to a Constitutional amendment are in order if otherwise allowed. The Preliminary Business Meeting may not refer a Constitutional amendment to a committee unless the committee's instructions are to report to the Main Business Meeting. The Preliminary Business Meeting may not postpone consideration of a Constitutional amendment beyond the last Preliminary Business Meeting. The Preliminary Business Meeting may not amend a Constitutional amendment pending ratification. The Preliminary Business Meeting may consider any business not expressly forbidden to it by the Standing Rules or expressly reserved to the Main Business Meeting.

Moved by Tim Illingworth and Kevin Standlee.

Discussion: This would prevent a Preliminary Business Meeting changing an amendment that has already been passed by the previous year's Main Business Meeting. This preserves the Main Business Meeting as a superior house over the Preliminary Business Meeting, and will also help people know which meetings they need to attend.

4.3 Constitutional Amendments

Items under this heading have not yet received first passage, and will become part of the constitution only if passed at Chicon 2000 and ratified at The Millennium Philcon. The Preliminary Business Meeting may amend items under this heading, set debate time limits, refer them to committee, and take other action as permitted under the Standing Rules.

4.3.1 Return to 2-Year Bidding

Moved, To Amend Section 4.1.1 of the WSFS Constitution to shorten the lead-time for selection of future Worldcons from three years to two years, as follows:

4.1.1. WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held ~~three (3)~~ two (2) years from the date of the current Worldcon.

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Provided that this amendment shall not take effect until the conclusion of the 2004 Worldcon; that there shall be no Worldcon site selection election at the 2005 Worldcon; and that the 2006 Worldcon shall select the site of the 2008 Worldcon.

Moved by Vincent Docherty, Kent Bloom, and Mark Olson.

See below for maker's argument for this motion.

4.3.2 Best Television Series Hugo Award

This item and the next two items all affect the Dramatic Presentation Hugo Award. The Preliminary Business Meeting may take action to choose between these items and only allow one of them to be considered at the Main Business Meeting.

Moved, To Amend portions of Article III of the WSFS Constitution to create a new Hugo Award Category "Best Television Series" and related purposes, as follows:

3.2.4: Works appearing in a series are eligible as individual works, but, except in the "Best Television Series" category, the series as a whole is not eligible. However, a work appearing in a number of parts shall be eligible for the year of the final part.

3.3.6: Best Dramatic Presentation. Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy or related subjects which has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year. An individual episode of a television series is eligible in this category but the series as a whole is not.

3.3.X: Best Television Series. A series of programs of dramatized science fiction, fantasy or related subjects that have been publicly presented on television for the first time in their present dramatic form during the previous calendar year.

Moved by Richard S. Russell and Hope Kiefer.

Discussion: More people get their regular fix of SF from TV than from any other source. Yet, when it comes to the Hugo Awards, we continue to suffer from literary snobbishness -- 5 separate categories for written SF and only 1 for every other medium combined.

We make fans of televised SF jump through this incredible hoop to get SOMETHING nominated from their favorite series: we force them to try to pick out ONE episode from the previous year that they can rally behind. This presumes that many of them even notice, let alone remember, the title of an episode. It is a testament to the award-worthiness of "Babylon 5" that its fans were actually able to overcome these obstacles on several occasions.

The analog in literary terms would be to have an award for "Best Paragraph" of a short story or "Best Chapter" of a novel -- something so obviously ludicrous that we'd dismiss it out of hand. Yet we seem blind to the same situation confronting TV series.

The Hugo Awards provide us with kind of a historical snapshot of SF. "Best TV Series" is a category that we should have had for the last quarter century. We can't fix the past, but we can start now to build the historical record of the future.

4.3.3 The Long and Short of It

Moved, To amend portions of Article III of the WSFS Constitution to have the effect of splitting the existing Best Dramatic Presentation category into two categories, Long Form and Short Form, to regulate the administration of such categories, and for other purposes, as follows.

1. Strike out existing Section 3.3.6, "Best Dramatic Presentation."

~~**3.3.6: Best Dramatic Presentation.** Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy or related subjects which has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year.~~

2. Insert the following section after existing Section 3.3.5:

3.3.x: Best Dramatic Presentation, Long Form. Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects that has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year, with a complete running time of more than 100 minutes.

3. Insert the following section before existing Section 3.3.7

3.3.x: Best Dramatic Presentation, Short Form. Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects that has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year, with a complete running time of 100 minutes or less.

4. Insert the following section after existing Section 3.2.5:

3.2.x: The Worldcon Committee shall not consider previews, promotional trailers, commercials, public service announcements, or other extraneous material when determining the length of a work.

5. Insert the following section after existing Section 3.2.6:

3.2.x: The Worldcon Committee may relocate a dramatic presentation work into a more appropriate category if it feels that it is necessary, provided that the length of the work is within the lesser of twenty (20) minutes or twenty percent (20%) of the new category limits.

Moved by Chris Barkley and Lew Wolkoff.

Discussion: This amendment has a three-fold purpose:

A) To split television and motion picture presentations into two length categories, Long Form and Short Form.

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B) To give fans a wider choice in their selections for Best Dramatic Presentations; for example, as a result of the category split, fans have the option of choosing radio dramas, books on tape/CD, music albums, musical performances, etc.

C) Attract more media minded or casual reading fans into the Hugo selection process and expand the voting base.

4.3.4 The Not So Long and Short of It

Moved, to substitute for the entire text of the motion titled "The Long and Short of It," the following:

Moved, To amend portions of Article III of the WSFS Constitution to have the effect of splitting the existing Best Dramatic Presentation category into two categories, Non-Episodic and Episodic, to regulate the administration of such categories, and for other purposes, as follows.

1. Strike out existing Section 3.3.6, "Best Dramatic Presentation."

~~**3.3.6: Best Dramatic Presentation.** Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy or related subjects which has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year.~~

2. Insert the following section after existing Section 3.3.5:

3.3.x Best Dramatic Presentation, Episodic. Any production in any medium of dramatized Science Fiction, Fantasy, or related subjects that formed a single episode from a regularly scheduled ongoing production.

3. Insert the following section before existing Section 3.3.7:

3.3.x: Best Dramatic Presentation, Non-Episodic. Any feature film, short subject, television mini-series, live theater production, or any other production in any medium of dramatized Science Fiction, Fantasy, or related subjects, not eligible for the Episodic Best Dramatic Presentation Hugo Award.

4. Insert the following sentence at the end of Section 3.2.4:

3.2.4: Works appearing in a series are eligible as individual works, but the series as a whole is not eligible. However, a work appearing in a number of parts shall be eligible for the year of the final part. A multi-part episodic or non-episodic dramatic production shall be eligible for the year in which the final part is first publicly performed.

5. Insert the following sentence at the end of Section 3.2.6:

3.2.6: The Worldcon Committee may relocate a story into a more appropriate category if it feels that it is necessary, provided that the length of the story is within the lesser of five thousand (5,000) words or twenty percent (20%) of the new category limits. The Worldcon Committee may relocate a dramatic presentation work into a more appropriate category if it feels that it is necessary.

Moved by Skip Morris and Cris Shuldner.

Discussion: As an individual who has run numerous convention film and video programs over several decades I feel qualified to comment on the main motion and my amendment. While I feel it is a worthwhile goal to expand the Best Dramatic Presentation Hugo, splitting the award by length does not best represent the differences in movies vs. television episodes. There are many films I've shown at SF cons whose length is close to an hour. (The shortest one I remember is "La Jette", the basis for the film "12 Monkeys" which ran about 30 minutes, or Hugo winner "The Capture" which was a slide show running about 20 minutes.) Many TV show episodes likewise are multi-parters running 2 or 3 hours. (Several Star Trek and Babylon 5 episodes come to mind.)

The biggest difference in the mediums are that TV episodes are produced under a deadline, typically have a smaller budget, a story has to be developed to fit a setting and cast of characters, and there is typically a "writers bible" which limits what a story creator is allowed to do.

Films, TV Mini Series, and other such productions are different. The story, setting & characters can be developed together. There is more freedom for the writer to make changes to the universe being developed. Deadlines are not as important; a movie production can easily slip a few weeks or months. TV episode schedules are much less flexible. I can draw a comparison to the effect of deadlines on creativity with the American Pulitzer Award, which has different awards for stories published both "under a deadline" and "not under a deadline". This to me reflects the most crucial difference in the medium.

Notes: Section three spells out things like "television mini-series" to make it clear that productions like "From the Earth to the Moon" and "I, Claudius" belong in the non-episodic category. Also, section two originally had the words "of no less than 8 episodes in a single production season" at the very end. In talking to people I've been convinced that it is better to leave such decisions as to what constitutes an "ongoing series" to the judgement Hugo Administrators.

5 Site Selection Business

5.1 Report of the 2003 Site Selection & Presentation by Winners

This item is scheduled for the Main Business Meeting on Sunday, September 3.

5.2 Reports by seated Worldcons

This item may be combined with items in 2.2 above

5.2.1 The Millennium Philcon (2001)

5.2.2 ConJosé (2002)

5.2.3 Presentation by bidders for 2004

6 Adjournment

Item 4.3.1: Return to 2-Year Bidding

Background & Discussion

The Worldcon is currently selected on the basis of section 4 of the WSFS constitution, specifically: "4.1.1 WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held three (3) years from the date of the current Worldcon." 3-year bidding was implemented during the 1980's in order to make it easier to obtain suitable sites, in a world of increasing competition for them. The first Worldcon selected under the current 3-year rule was Noreascon Three, 1989, selected in 1986. The 1986 Worldcon selected both the 1988 and 1989 Worldcons.

Experience since then has shown several deficiencies with 3-year bidding:

1. Any improvements in availability of sites have been relatively minor, since the large events we mostly compete with for space, tend to book 8-10 years in advance. They have the financial resources to pre-empt a Worldcon booking, and have done so. Most of the time, therefore, if a site is available three years out, it is still available two years out, (and moving to a longer bidding period would not help at all).
2. The three year period requires a Worldcon committee, (all volunteers), to be kept together for a long time, which is hard to do, on top of the bidding period.
3. In the first year after winning there are few activities that need to be done by a Worldcon committee that add value to the convention.
4. There are extra costs in having to produce more publications, pay admin/tax/legal fees etc.

I [the maker of the motion, Vincent Docherty] can speak from experience, particularly around point 2, that the long gap in the first year, when there is little that must be done (except some basic activities which would still need to be done with a 2-year bid), is very counter-productive in terms of generating enthusiasm in the new committee. A 3 year stretch is a long period in anyone's life and it is difficult to persuade people that they should help out, and those already helping can feel it as a 'long slog' and may have difficulty focussing on the convention 3 years away. A 2 year gap after winning is much easier to manage and to sell. The convention organization can begin with a reasonable rolling activity program and the post-selection 'dip' is minimized.

Another advantage of a 2-year bid concerns hotels - if the space is still available two years out, the hotel is much more desperate to fill it, and therefore often willing to offer better terms.

A number of counter-arguments against this proposal were raised at or since the Business Meeting in 1999:

1. Loss of franchise.

It was argued that the constitution enfranchises WSFS members with certain 'rights', including the right to select a future Worldcon. Debate then focussed on possible ways to keep this 'right' by, for instance, giving a 'transferable' supporting membership, or perhaps for the administering Worldcon to compensate WSFS members in some other way.

However no such 'right' is in fact granted, because:

A) The constitution says that the duties of the Worldcon committee include: 2.1.2:"administering any future Worldcon or NASFiC site selection required". Since in the year that misses a site selection no such duty is 'required' then there is no loss of franchise. All Worldcons will still be selected by members of WSFS.

B) In Section 1.2: Objectives, the functions of WSFS include:

"1.2.2 To choose the locations and Committees for the annual World Science Fiction Conventions

1.2.3 To attend those Worldcons.

1.2.4 To choose the locations and Committees for the occasional North American Science Fiction Conventions (hereinafter referred to as NASFiCs)."

However the wording is not clear that these functions are compulsory for every Worldcon (which would be needed for there to be a 'right'). For instance, supporting members are members of WSFS but cannot attend, which could be argued to conflict with the strict wording of 1.2.3. Similarly, NASFiCs are not required to be selected at every Worldcon (hence the word 'occasional' in article 1.2.4). Therefore section 1.2 does not unambiguously imply a 'right' that can be disenfranchised by this amendment.

Since no 'right' is granted there is no loss of franchise.

2. Impact on existing bidders.

Announced Worldcon bids have built their plans and budgets around the existing bidding cycle. If this amendment is passed and ratified then they would be forced into an unexpected additional year of bidding, at a different administering Worldcon than they had planned for. This would significantly add to the costs of their bids and to the strain in keeping their committees together.

I accept this as an issue and therefore propose a proviso that delays the effect of implementation of the main amendment. This would take the form of a 'grandfather' provision as was done with the 'no-zone' proposal in 1999. There are currently announced bids up to 2007, so the proviso would delay implementation till 2005 at the earliest, which would therefore not hold a site selection for Worldcon. The 2008 Worldcon would then be selected in 2006.

3. A year to settle-in is useful

It was argued that for inexperienced committees the extra year gives necessary time to build their teams and generally prepare. However several recent Worldcon chairs said that in their experience the extra year consumed more than it gained - it was too exhausting. (My own personal experience from 1992-1995 supports this.)

4. This is too much change on top of 'no-zone'

It was argued that with the ratification of the 'no-zone' amendment in 1999, another major site selection amendment would be too much change in a short time.

The 'no zone' amendment will not come into sole effect until 2003 (with elections in 2000, 2001, and 2002 being conducted under both the new and old rules) and with the 'grandfathering' of this amendment it would not come into effect until 2005 at the earliest.

5. Impact on NASFiC selection.

There would be no need to change the reference to NASFiC bidding since the timing is specified in relative terms. (See article 4.8.1 - "Voting shall be by written ballot administered by the following year's Worldcon, if there is no NASFiC in that year, or by the following year's NASFiC, if there is one, with ballots cast at the administering convention or by mail, and with only members of the administering convention allowed to vote.") Note that NASFiCs would be selected on a 1 - year ahead basis.

In conclusion I believe that there is ample reason to change the current site selection procedure from a 3-year to a 2-year basis and that the experience of several recent Worldcon chairs back this up. I also believe that the counter-arguments have either been dealt with or can be handled by the proviso to 'grandfather' the amendment. I therefore propose this amendment to the members of the WSFS Business Meeting for their consideration.

Appendix F: Agenda for the Saturday Business Meeting

AGENDA FOR WSFS BUSINESS MEETING

First Main Business Meeting, Saturday, September 2, 2000

Presiding Officer: Donald Eastlake III
Parliamentarian/Deputy P.O.: Kevin Standlee
Secretary: Robert Sacks (standing in for Pat McMurray)
Emergency Holographic Secretary: Cheryl Morgan
Timekeeper: Zanne Labonville

Portions of this agenda may refer to separate handouts or to the Preliminary Business Meeting Agenda. Many of the motions being considered today were introduced at the Preliminary Business Meeting. Copies of the PBM Agenda should still be available in the handout area near the entrance to the room.

1 Committee Reports

Committee reports may include motions. Motions made by committees consisting of more than one person need not be seconded.

1.1 Mark Protection Committee (Including Elections for MPC)

Nominees: Scott Dennis (Central), Donald Eastlake III (East), Martin Hoare (Rest of World), Ruth Sachter (West).

The election will be held today. Due to zone residency restrictions, we can elect at most two people from the Western zone, two people from the Central zone, one person from the Eastern zone, and three people from the Rest of the World. Write-in votes are allowed, but write-in candidates must submit their consent to election by the close of balloting. (See the head table staff for a nomination acceptance form.)

1.2 Nitpicking & Fly Specking Committee

NP&FSC Items 1 through 4 (See separate handout) passed at the Preliminary Business Meeting

1.2.5 Hugo Voting Clarification

This motion was amended by the Preliminary Business Meeting to read as follows:

Moved, to amend Section 3.10 of the WSFS Constitution as follows:

3.10.1: Final Award voting shall be by ~~mail, with ballots sent only to WSFS members.~~ balloting in advance of the Worldcon. Only WSFS members may vote. Final Award ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter.

Debate Time Limit: 2 minutes.

1.2.6 NASFiC Reporting

This motion is in NP&FSC Report.

Debate Time Limit: 10 minutes.

1.2.7 Awaken the Sleeping Dogs

This motion was postponed to the Main Business Meeting. Because this motion consists of a series of unrelated resolutions, any member may request a separate vote on any of the resolutions contained in the list.

Debate Time Limit: 20 minutes.

1.3 Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee

This committee reported to the Preliminary Business Meeting and was continued for another year.

1.4 Rest of the World Hugo Eligibility Committee

The eligibility extension resolution reported by this committee was adopted (53-5) at the Preliminary Business Meeting, and the committee was continued. The Business Meeting Chair will announce appointments to this committee. No constitutional amendments were passed on to the Main Business Meeting.

2 Worldcon Reports

2.1 Past Worldcons and NASFiCs

Those conventions listed in the Preliminary Business Meeting agenda but not listed below gave their reports at the Preliminary Business Meeting. Handouts of their financial reports should still be available.

2.1.1 Bucconeer (1998)

2.1.2 Conucopia (1999 NASFiC)

NASFiCs are not currently required to submit reports to the WSFS Business Meeting.

2.1.3 Aussiecon Three (2000)

2.2 Seated Worldcons

2.2.1 Chicon 2000 (2000)

2.2.2 The Millennium Philcon (2001)

3 Business Passed On from Aussiecon Three

There is no Business Passed On from Aussiecon Three.

4 New Business

4.1 Resolutions

4.1.1 Hugo Eligibility Extension: The Sky Road

This resolution was superceded by the blanket eligibility extension adopted at the Preliminary Business Meeting.

4.1.2 Hugo Eligibility Extension: STET 9

This resolution was adopted (46-13) at the Preliminary Business Meeting.

4.2 Standing Rules Amendments

4.2.1 Breakfasters' Rights Amendment

This motion was amended to restrict the starting time of the Business Meeting to between 10:00 and 13:00 local time and then adopted as amended on a show-of-hands vote at the Preliminary Business Meeting.

4.2.2 Amending Amendments

This motion was adopted (37-26) at the Preliminary Business Meeting.

4.3 Constitutional Amendments

Items under this heading have not yet received first passage, and will become part of the constitution only if passed at Chicon 2000 and ratified at The Millennium Philcon. The Preliminary Business Meeting may have amended items under this heading, set debate time limits, referred them to committee, and taken other action as permitted under the Standing Rules. The Main Business Meeting may take final action on these motions.

4.3.1 Return to 2-Year Bidding

Moved, To Amend Section 4.1.1 of the WSFS Constitution to shorten the lead-time for selection of future Worldcons from three years to two years, as follows:

4.1.1. WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held ~~three (3)~~ two (2) years from the date of the current Worldcon.

Provided that this amendment shall not take effect until the conclusion of the 2004 Worldcon; that there shall be no Worldcon site selection election at the 2005 Worldcon; and that the 2006 Worldcon shall select the site of the 2008 Worldcon.

Moved by Vincent Docherty, Kent Bloom, and Mark Olson.

See report on page 11 of the Preliminary Business Meeting agenda for maker's argument for this motion.

Debate Time Limit: 20 minutes.

4.3.2 Best Television Series Hugo Award

This item was killed by Objection to Consideration at the Preliminary Business Meeting.

4.3.3 The Long and Short of It

This item was killed by Objection to Consideration at the Preliminary Business Meeting.

4.3.4 The Not So Long and Short of It

This item was killed by Objection to Consideration at the Preliminary Business Meeting.

5 Site Selection Business

5.1 Report of the 2003 Site Selection & Presentation by Winners

This item is scheduled for the Second Main Business Meeting on Sunday, September 3.

5.2 Reports by seated Worldcons

This item may be combined with items in 2.2 above

5.2.1 The Millennium Philcon (2001)

5.2.2 ConJosé (2002)

5.2.3 Presentation by bidders for 2004

6 Adjournment

By previous order adopted at the Preliminary Business Meeting, today and tomorrow's meetings will adjourn in memory of Ross Pavlac. The Preliminary Business Meeting adjourned in memory of Robert Sacks.

Appendix G: Agenda for the Sunday Business Meeting

AGENDA FOR WSFS BUSINESS MEETING

Second Main Business Meeting, Sunday, September 3, 2000

Presiding Officer: Donald Eastlake III
Parliamentarian/Deputy P.O.: Kevin Standlee
Secretary: Robert Sacks (standing in for Pat McMurray)
Emergency Holographic Secretary: Cheryl Morgan
Timekeeper: Zanne Labonville

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5 Site Selection Business

Item 5.1 is a special order of business under Standing Rule 3 and must happen at the beginning of this meeting. Other items in this section, if they did not already happen at earlier meetings, will probably be postponed until the end of today's meeting.

5.1 Report of the 2003 Site Selection & Presentation by Winners

5.2 Reports by seated Worldcons (Question Time)

Under Standing Rule 10, each future seated Worldcon Committee is allotted 15 minutes during this meeting. During the first 5 minutes, each committee may make a presentation. The remaining time is allocated for questions and answers. Questions are limited to 15 seconds and answers to 2 minutes.

5.2.1 The Millennium Philcon (2001)

5.2.2 ConJosé (2002)

5.3 Presentations by future Worldcon Bids (Question Time)

5.3.1 Presentation by bidders for 2004

Under Standing Rule 10, committees bidding for the 2004 Worldcon may make a presentation not to exceed 5 minutes, time permitting.

5.3.2 Presentations by bidders for years after 2004

Should there be sufficient time and should the Business Meeting so desire, bidders for future Worldcons may make short presentations as allowed under Standing Rule 10.

1 Committee Reports

Committee reports may include motions. Motions made by committees consisting of more than one person need not be seconded.

1.1 Mark Protection Committee (Including Elections for MPC)

Elections for the Mark Protection Committee were held at Saturday's Business Meeting. Donald Eastlake III, Scott Dennis, and Ruth Sachter were elected to three-year terms. The results in detail are as follows.

First Seat

Donald Eastlake III	28	34	45
Scott Dennis	26	27	36
Ruth Sachter	14	20	-
Martin Hoare	13	-	-
Invalid	1	-	-
Total With Preference	82	81	81
Needed To Elect (majority)	42	41	41
No (Further) Preference	-	1	1

Second Seat

Scott Dennis	36	42
Ruth Sachter	23	38
Martin Hoare	22	-
Invalid	1	-
Total With Preference	82	80
Needed To Elect (majority)	42	41
No (Further) Preference	-	2

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Third Seat

Ruth Sachter	46
Martin Hoare	34
Invalid	1
Total With Preference	81
Needed To Elect (majority)	41
No (Further) Preference	1

The committee of MPC ballot tellers (Tim Illingworth, Kevin Standlee, Cheryl Morgan) moves that, per our usual practice, the ballots be destroyed.

The Mark Protection Committee is scheduled to meet immediately following today's Business Meeting, in Hyatt Grand Ballroom B if time allows, or at such other location as may be arranged.

1.2 Nitpicking & Flyspecking Committee

See separate handout and the agenda for the First Main Business Meeting (Saturday) for this report.

NP&FSC Items 1 through 4 passed at the Preliminary Business Meeting. Items 5 and 6 were constitutional amendments, and passed at the First Main Business Meeting. Item 7 was postponed indefinitely and was therefore not directly addressed.

1.3 Worldcon Runners' Guide Editorial Committee

This committee reported to the Preliminary Business Meeting and was continued for another year.

1.4 Rest of the World Hugo Eligibility Committee

The Preliminary Business Meeting voted to continue this committee for another year. At the First Main Business Meeting, the Chairman appointed the following people to the Committee: Kevin Standlee (Chair) (standlee@lunacity.com), Chris Barkley, Vince Docherty, George Flynn, Tim Illingworth, Saul Jaffe, Rick Katze, Perriane Lurie, Cheryl Morgan, Mark Olson, Sharon Sbarsky, and Ben Yalow. The committee chair may augment the membership of the committee at his discretion. This committee will do substantially all of its deliberations by electronic mail. To request to be added to this committee's deliberation, write to hugo2-request@sflowers.rutgers.edu *after September 10, 2000.*

2 Worldcon Reports

2.1 Past Worldcons and NASFiCs

All past Worldcons and NASFiCs required to submit financial reports did so at the Preliminary or First Main Business Meetings. Copies of these reports should still be available among the many piles of paper at the entrance to the room.

2.2 Seated Worldcons

2.2.1 Chicon 2000 (2000)

A limited number of reports from Chicon 2000 are available. They are rather long. See the head table staff if you want a copy.

2.2.2 The Millennium Philcon (2001)

Their financial report is printed on the reverse of page 3 of this meeting's agenda.

2.2.3 ConJosé (2002)

ConJosé presented its financial report at the First Main Business Meeting.

3 Business Passed On from Aussiecon Three

There is no Business Passed On from Aussiecon Three.

4 New Business

4.1 Resolutions

All resolutions appearing in previous meetings' agendas were dealt with at previous meetings.

4.2 Standing Rules Amendments

All Standing Rule amendments appearing in previous meetings' agendas were dealt with at previous meetings.

4.3 Constitutional Amendments

4.3.1 Return to 2-Year Bidding

This item was defeated (38-51) at the First Main Business Meeting.

4.3.2 Best Television Series Hugo Award

4.3.3 The Long and Short of It

4.3.4 The Not So Long and Short of It

The above three items were killed by Objection to Consideration at the Preliminary Business Meeting, at which time the PBM voted to create a committee to study the issues surrounding the Best Dramatic Presentation Hugo Award. At the First Main Business Meeting, the Chairman appointed the following people to the Committee: John Lorentz (Chair) (jlorentz@spiritone.com), Chris Barkley, Johnny Carruthers, Brenda Daverin, Vince Docherty, Paul Haggerty, Tim Illingworth, Michael Mason, Cheryl Morgan, Mary Morman, Skip Morris, Richard Russell, Tom Schaad, Chris Shuldiner, Kevin Standlee, Geoffrey Surette, Gayle Surette, and Lew Wolkoff,

Richard announced e-mail discussion list on this topic open to all persons. Write to RichardRussell@badger.alumni.wisc.edu to be added to this list.

5 Site Selection Business

Any business designated for the site selection meeting not done at the beginning of the meeting will happen at this time.

6 Adjournment *sine die*

No further meetings are scheduled this year.

By previous order adopted at the Preliminary Business Meeting, today and tomorrow's meetings will adjourn in memory of Ross Pavlac. The Preliminary Business Meeting adjourned in memory of Robert Sacks.

CONSTITUTION

of the World Science Fiction Society, September 2000

[Secretary's note: Substantive changes that were ratified at the WSFS Business Meeting at Chicon 2000 (Chicago, 2000) are shown as underline type for additions and ~~striketrough~~ type for deletions. Many of the changes made at Chicon 2000 concerned the way in which the Constitution and Standing Rules are formatted and do not result in any change to the actual wording. For the sake of clarity these changes have not been highlighted.]

[Secretary's note: changes made as of the end of Chicon 2000:

- 1 Section 6.5 moved to replace existing section 5.1.3.*
- 2 Standardization of formatting, in particular numbered lists.*
- 3 Arabic numerals for article numbering.]*

Article 1 - Name, Objectives, Membership, and Organization

Section 1.1: Name. The name of this organization shall be the World Science Fiction Society, hereinafter referred to as WSFS or the Society.

Section 1.2: Objectives. WSFS is an unincorporated literary society whose functions are:

- (1) To choose the recipients of the annual Hugo Awards (Science Fiction Achievement Awards).
- (2) To choose the locations and Committees for the annual World Science Fiction Conventions (hereinafter referred to as Worldcons).
- (3) To attend those Worldcons.
- (4) To choose the locations and Committees for the occasional North American Science Fiction Conventions (hereinafter referred to as NASFiCs).
- (5) To perform such other activities as may be necessary or incidental to the above purposes.

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Section 1.3: Restrictions. No part of the Society's net earnings shall be paid to its members, officers, or other private persons except in furtherance of the Society's purposes. The Society shall not attempt to influence legislation or any political campaign for public office. Should the Society dissolve, its assets shall be distributed by the current Worldcon Committee or the appropriate court having jurisdiction, exclusively for charitable purposes. In this section, references to the Society include the Mark Protection Committee and all other agencies of the Society but not convention bidding or operating committees.

Section 1.4: Membership. The Membership of WSFS shall consist of all people who have paid membership dues to the Committee of the current Worldcon.

Section 1.5: Memberships.

1.5.1: Each Worldcon shall offer supporting and attending memberships.

1.5.2: The rights of supporting members of a Worldcon include the right to receive all of its generally distributed publications.

1.5.3: The rights of attending members of a Worldcon include the rights of supporting members plus the right of general attendance at said Worldcon and at the WSFS Business Meeting held thereat.

1.5.4: Members of WSFS who cast a site-selection ballot with the required fee shall be supporting members of the selected Worldcon.

1.5.5: Voters have the right to convert to attending membership in the selected Worldcon within ninety (90) days of its selection, for an additional fee set by its committee. This fee must not exceed two (2) times the site-selection fee and must not exceed the difference between the site-selection fee and the fee for new attending members.

1.5.6: The Worldcon Committee shall make provision for persons to become supporting members for no more than one hundred and twenty-five percent (125%) of the site-selection fee, or such higher amount as has been approved by the Business Meeting, until a cutoff date no earlier than ninety (90) days before their Worldcon.

1.5.7: Other memberships and fees shall be at the discretion of the Worldcon Committee.

Section 1.6: Authority. Authority and responsibility for all matters concerning the Worldcon, except those reserved herein to WSFS, shall rest with the Worldcon Committee, which shall act in its own name and not in that of WSFS.

Section 1.7: The Mark Protection Committee.

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1.7.1: There shall be a Mark Protection Committee of WSFS, which shall be responsible for registration and protection of the marks used by or under the authority of WSFS.

1.7.2: The Mark Protection Committee shall submit to the Business Meeting at each Worldcon a report of its activities since the previous Worldcon, including a statement of income and expense.

1.7.3: The Mark Protection Committee shall hold a meeting at each Worldcon after the end of the Business Meeting, at a time and place announced at the Business Meeting.

1.7.4: The Mark Protection Committee shall determine and elect its own officers.

Section 1.8: Membership of the Mark Protection Committee.

1.8.1: The Mark Protection Committee shall consist of:

(1) One (1) member appointed to serve at the pleasure of each future selected Worldcon Committee and each of the two (2) immediately preceding Worldcon Committees

(2) One (1) member appointed to serve at the pleasure of each future selected NASFiC Committee and for each Committee of a NASFiC held in the previous two years, and

(3) Nine (9) members elected three (3) each year to staggered three-year terms by the Business Meeting.

1.8.2: No more than three elected members may represent any single North American region, as defined in Section 1.8.5 ~~4-8~~. Each elected member shall represent the region (if any) in which the member resided at the time they were elected.

1.8.3: Newly elected members take their seats, and the term of office ends for elected and appointed members whose terms expire that year, at the end of the Business Meeting.

1.8.4: If vacancies occur in elected memberships in the Committee, the remainder of the position's term may be filled by the Business Meeting, and until then temporarily filled by the Committee.

1.8.5: To ensure equitable distribution of representation, North America is divided into three (3) regions as follows:

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(1) **Western:** Baja California, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, Saskatchewan, and all states, provinces, and territories westward including Hawaii, Alaska, the Yukon, and the Northwest Territories.

(2) **Central:** Central America, the islands of the Caribbean, Mexico (except as above), and all states, provinces, and territories between the Western and Eastern regions.

(3) **Eastern:** Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Quebec, and all states, provinces, and territories eastward including the District of Columbia, St. Pierre et Miquelon, Bermuda, and the Bahamas.

Article 2 - Powers and Duties of Worldcon Committees

Section 2.1: Duties. Each Worldcon Committee shall, in accordance with this Constitution, provide for

- (1) administering the Hugo Awards,
- (2) administering any future Worldcon or NASFiC site selection required, and
- (3) holding a WSFS Business Meeting.

Section 2.2: Marks. Every Worldcon and NASFiC Committee shall include the following notice in each of its publications:

"World Science Fiction Society", "WSFS", "World Science Fiction Convention", "Worldcon", "NASFiC", and "Hugo Award" are service marks of the World Science Fiction Society, an unincorporated literary society.

Section 2.3: Official Representative. Each future selected Worldcon Committee shall designate an official representative to the Business Meeting to answer questions about their Worldcon.

Section 2.4: Distribution of Rules. The current Worldcon Committee shall print copies of the WSFS Constitution, together with an explanation of proposed changes approved but not yet ratified, and copies of the Standing Rules. The Committee shall distribute these documents to all WSFS members at a point between nine and three months prior to the Worldcon, and shall also distribute them to all WSFS members in attendance at the Worldcon upon registration.

Section 2.5: Bid Presentations. Each Worldcon Committee shall provide a reasonable opportunity for *bona fide* bidding committees for the Worldcon to be selected the following year to make presentations.

Section 2.6: Incapacity of Committees. With sites being selected three (3) years in advance, there are at least three selected current or future Worldcon Committees

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at all times. If one of these should be unable to perform its duties, the other selected current or future Worldcon Committee whose site is closer to the site of the one unable to perform its duties shall determine what action to take, by consulting the Business Meeting or by mail poll of WSFS if there is sufficient time, or by decision of the Committee if there is not sufficient time.

Section 2.7: Membership Pass-along. Within ninety (90) days after a Worldcon, the administering Committee shall, except where prohibited by local law, forward its best information as to the names and postal addresses of all of its Worldcon members to the Committee of the next Worldcon.

Section 2.8: Financial Openness. Any member of WSFS shall have the right, under reasonable conditions, to examine the financial records and books of account of the current Worldcon Committee, all future selected Worldcon Committees, and the two immediately preceding Worldcon Committees.

Section 2.9: Financial Reports.

2.9.1: Each future selected Worldcon Committee shall submit an annual financial report, including a statement of income and expenses, to each WSFS Business Meeting after the Committee's selection.

2.9.2: Each Worldcon Committee shall submit a report on its cumulative surplus/loss at the next Business Meeting after its Worldcon.

2.9.3: Each Worldcon Committee should dispose of surplus funds remaining after accounts are settled for the current Worldcon for the benefit of WSFS as a whole.

2.9.4: In the event of a surplus, the Worldcon Committee, or any alternative organizational entity established to oversee and disburse that surplus, shall file annual financial reports regarding the disbursement of that surplus at each year's Business Meeting, until the surplus is totally expended or an amount equal to the original surplus has been disbursed.

Article 3 - Hugo Awards

Section 3.1: Introduction. Selection of the Hugo Awards shall be made as provided in this Article.

Section 3.2: General.

3.2.1: Unless otherwise specified, Hugo Awards are given for work in the field of science fiction or fantasy appearing for the first time during the previous calendar year.

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3.2.2: A work originally appearing in a language other than English shall also be eligible for the year in which it is first issued in English translation. A work, once it has appeared in English, may thus be eligible only once.

3.2.3: Publication date, or cover date in the case of a dated periodical, takes precedence over copyright date.

3.2.4: Works appearing in a series are eligible as individual works, but the series as a whole is not eligible. However, a work appearing in a number of parts shall be eligible for the year of the final part.

3.2.5: In the written fiction categories, an author may withdraw a version of a work from consideration if the author feels that the version is not representative of what that author wrote.

3.2.6: The Worldcon Committee may relocate a story into a more appropriate category if it feels that it is necessary, provided that the length of the story is within the lesser of five thousand (5,000) words or twenty percent (20%) of the new category limits.

3.2.7: The Worldcon Committee is responsible for all matters concerning the Awards.

Section 3.3: Categories.

3.3.1: Best Novel. A science fiction or fantasy story of forty thousand (40,000) words or more.

3.3.2: Best Novella. A science fiction or fantasy story of between seventeen thousand five hundred (17,500) and forty thousand (40,000) words.

3.3.3: Best Novelette. A science fiction or fantasy story of between seven thousand five hundred (7,500) and seventeen thousand five hundred (17,500) words.

3.3.4: Best Short Story. A science fiction or fantasy story of less than seven thousand five hundred (7,500) words.

3.3.5: Best Related Book. Any work whose subject is related to the field of science fiction, fantasy, or fandom, appearing for the first time in book form during the previous calendar year, and which is either non-fiction or, if fictional, is noteworthy primarily for aspects other than the fictional text.

3.3.6: Best Dramatic Presentation. Any production in any medium of dramatized science fiction, fantasy or related subjects which has been publicly presented for the first time in its present dramatic form during the previous calendar year.

3.3.7: Best Professional Editor. The editor of any professional publication devoted primarily to science fiction or fantasy during the previous calendar year. A professional publication is one which had an average press run of at least ten thousand (10,000) copies per issue.

3.3.8: Best Professional Artist. An illustrator whose work has appeared in a professional publication in the field of science fiction or fantasy during the previous calendar year.

3.3.9: Best Semiprozine. Any generally available non-professional publication devoted to science fiction or fantasy which by the close of the previous calendar year has published four (4) or more issues, at least one (1) of which appeared in the previous calendar year, and which in the previous calendar year met at least two (2) of the following criteria:

- (1) had an average press run of at least one thousand (1000) copies per issue,
- (2) paid its contributors and/or staff in other than copies of the publication,
- (3) provided at least half the income of any one person,
- (4) had at least fifteen percent (15%) of its total space occupied by advertising,
- (5) announced itself to be a semiprozine.

3.3.10: Best Fanzine. Any generally available non-professional publication devoted to science fiction, fantasy, or related subjects which by the close of the previous calendar year has published four (4) or more issues, at least one (1) of which appeared in the previous calendar year, and which does not qualify as a semiprozine.

3.3.11: Best Fan Writer. Any person whose writing has appeared in semiprozines or fanzines or in generally available electronic media during the previous calendar year.

3.3.12: Best Fan Artist. An artist or cartoonist whose work has appeared through publication in semiprozines or fanzines or through other public display during the previous calendar year. Any person whose name appears on the final Hugo Awards ballot for a given year under the Professional Artist category shall not be eligible in the Fan Artist category for that year.

3.3.13: Additional Category. Not more than one special category may be created by the current Worldcon Committee with nomination and voting to be the same as for the permanent categories. The Worldcon Committee is not required to create any such category; such action by a Worldcon Committee should be under

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exceptional circumstances only; and the special category created by one Worldcon Committee shall not be binding on following Committees. Awards created under this paragraph shall be considered to be Hugo Awards.

Section 3.4: Extended Eligibility. In the event that a potential Hugo Award nominee receives extremely limited distribution in the year of its first publication or presentation, its eligibility may be extended for an additional year by a three fourths (3/4) vote of the intervening Business Meeting of WSFS.

Section 3.5: Name and Design. The Hugo Award shall continue to be standardized on the rocket ship design of Jack McKnight and Ben Jason. Each Worldcon Committee may select its own choice of base design. The name (Hugo Award) and the design shall not be extended to any other award.

Section 3.6: "No Award". At the discretion of an individual Worldcon Committee, if the lack of nominations or final votes in a specific category shows a marked lack of interest in that category on the part of the voters, the Award in that category shall be canceled for that year.

Section 3.7: Nominations.

3.7.1: The Worldcon Committee shall conduct a poll to select the nominees for the final Award voting. Each member of either the administering or the immediately preceding Worldcon as of January 31 of the current calendar year shall be allowed to make up to five (5) equally weighted nominations in every category.

3.7.2: The Committee shall include with each nomination ballot a copy of Article 3 of the WSFS Constitution.

3.7.3: Nominations shall be solicited only for the Hugo Awards and the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer.

Section 3.8: Tallying of Nominations.

3.8.1: Except as provided below, the final Award ballots shall list in each category the five eligible nominees receiving the most nominations. If there is a tie including fifth place, all the tied eligible nominees shall be listed.

3.8.2: The Worldcon Committee shall determine the eligibility of nominees and assignment to the proper category of nominees nominated in more than one category.

3.8.3: Any nominations for "No Award" shall be disregarded.

3.8.4: If a nominee appears on a nomination ballot more than once in any one category, only one nomination shall be counted in that category.

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3.8.5: No nominee shall appear on the final Award ballot if it received fewer nominations than five percent (5%) of the number of ballots listing one or more nominations in that category, except that the first three eligible nominees, including any ties, shall always be listed.

Section 3.9: Notification and Acceptance. Worldcon Committees shall use reasonable efforts to notify the nominees, or in the case of deceased or incapacitated persons, their heirs, assigns, or legal guardians, in each category prior to the release of such information. Each nominee shall be asked at that time to either accept or decline the nomination. If the nominee declines nomination, that nominee shall not appear on the final ballot.

Section 3.10: Voting.

3.10.1: Final Award voting shall be by mail, with ballots sent only to WSFS members. Final Award ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter.

3.10.2: Final Award ballots shall list only the Hugo Awards and the John W. Campbell Award for Best New Writer.

3.10.3: "No Award" shall be listed in each category of Hugo Award on the final ballot.

3.10.4: The Committee shall, on or with the final ballot, designate, for each nominee in the printed fiction categories, one or more books, anthologies, or magazines in which the nominee appeared (including the book publisher or magazine issue date(s)).

3.10.5: Voters shall indicate the order of their preference for the nominees in each category.

Section 3.11: Tallying of Votes.

3.11.1: In each category, votes shall first be tallied by the voter's first choices. If no majority is then obtained, the nominee who places last in the initial tallying shall be eliminated and the ballots listing it as first choice shall be redistributed on the basis of those ballots' second choices. This process shall be repeated until a majority-vote winner is obtained.

3.11.2: No Award shall be given whenever the total number of valid ballots cast for a specific category (excluding those cast for "No Award" in first place) is less than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of final Award ballots received.

3.11.3: After a tentative winner is determined, then unless "No Award" shall be the winner, the following additional test shall be made. If the number of ballots preferring "No Award" to the tentative winner is greater than the number of

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ballots preferring the tentative winner to "No Award", then "No Award" shall be declared the winner of the election.

3.11.4: The complete numerical vote totals, including all preliminary tallies for first, second, ... places, shall be made public by the Worldcon Committee within ninety (90) days after the Worldcon. During the same period the nomination voting totals shall also be published, including in each category the vote counts for at least the fifteen highest vote-getters and any other candidate receiving a number of votes equal to at least five percent (5%) of the nomination ballots cast in that category.

Section 3.12: Exclusions. No member of the current Worldcon Committee nor any publications closely connected with a member of the Committee shall be eligible for an Award. However, should the Committee delegate all authority under this Article to a Subcommittee whose decisions are irrevocable by the Worldcon Committee, then this exclusion shall apply to members of the Subcommittee only.

Section 3.13: Retrospective Hugos. A Worldcon held 50, 75, or 100 years after a Worldcon at which no Hugos were presented may conduct nominations and elections for Hugos which would have been presented at that previous Worldcon. Procedures shall be as for the current Hugos. Categories receiving insufficient numbers of nominations may be dropped. Once retrospective Hugos have been awarded for a Worldcon, no other Worldcon shall present retrospective Hugos for that Worldcon.

Article 4 - Future Worldcon Selection

Section 4.1: Voting.

4.1.1: WSFS shall choose the location and Committee of the Worldcon to be held three (3) years from the date of the current Worldcon.

4.1.2: Voting shall be by written ballot cast either by mail or at the current Worldcon with tallying as described in Section 3.11.

4.1.3: The current Worldcon Committee shall administer the voting, collect the advance membership fees, and turn over those funds to the winning Committee before the end of the current Worldcon.

4.1.4: The site-selection voting totals shall be announced at the Business Meeting and published in the first or second Progress Report of the winning Committee, with the by-mail and at-convention votes distinguished.

Section 4.2: Voter Eligibility.

4.2.1: Voting shall be limited to WSFS members who have purchased at least a supporting membership in the Worldcon whose site is being selected.

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4.2.2: The supporting membership rate shall be set by unanimous agreement of the current Worldcon Committee and all bidding committees who have filed before the ballot deadline. If agreement is not reached, the default fee shall be the median (middle value) of the US dollar fees used in the previous three (3) Worldcon site selections.

Section 4.3: Non-Natural Persons. Corporations, associations, and other non-human or artificial entities may cast ballots, but only for "No Preference". "Guest of" memberships may only cast "No Preference" ballots. Memberships transferred to individual natural persons may cast preferential ballots, provided that the transfer is accepted by the administering convention.

Section 4.4: Ballots. Site-selection ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter. Each site-selection ballot shall list the options "None of the Above" and "No Preference" and provide for write-in votes, after the bidders and with equal prominence. The supporting membership rate shall be listed on all site-selection ballots.

Section 4.5: Tallying.

4.5.1: The name and address information shall be separated from the ballots and the ballots counted only at the Worldcon with two (2) witnesses from each bidding committee allowed to observe. Each bidding committee may make a record of the name and address of every voter.

4.5.2: A ballot voted with first or only choice for "No Preference" shall be ignored for site selection. A ballot voted with lower than first choice for "No Preference" shall be ignored if all higher choices on the ballot have been eliminated in preferential tallying.

4.5.3: "None of the Above" shall be treated as a bid for tallying, and shall be the equivalent of "No Award" with respect to Section 3.11.

4.5.4: If "None of the Above" wins, the duty of site selection shall devolve on the Business Meeting of the current Worldcon. If the Business Meeting is unable to decide by the end of the Worldcon, the Committee for the following Worldcon shall make the selection without undue delay.

4.5.5: Where a site and Committee are chosen by a Business Meeting or Worldcon Committee, they are not restricted by exclusion zone or other qualifications.

4.5.6: All ballots shall be initially tallied by their first preferences, even if cast for a bid that the administering Committee has ruled ineligible. If no eligible bid achieves a majority on the first round of tallying, then on the second round all ballots for ineligible bids shall be redistributed to their first eligible choices, and tallying shall proceed according to normal preferential-ballot procedures.

Section 4.6: Bid Eligibility.

4.6.1: To be eligible for site selection, a bidding committee must file the following documents with the Committee that will administer the voting:

- (1) an announcement of intent to bid;
- (2) adequate evidence of an agreement with its proposed site's facilities, such as a conditional contract or a letter of agreement;
- (3) the rules under which the Worldcon Committee will operate, including a specification of the term of office of their chief executive officer or officers and the conditions and procedures for the selection and replacement of such officer or officers.

4.6.2: The bidding committee must supply written copies of these documents to any member of WSFS on request.

4.6.3: For a bid to be allowed on the printed ballot, the bidding committee must file the documents specified above no later than 180 days prior to the official opening of the administering convention.

4.6.4: To be eligible as a write-in, the bidding committee must file the documents specified above by the close of the voting.

4.6.5: If no bids meet these qualifications, the selection shall proceed as though "None of the Above" had won.

Section 4.7: Site Eligibility. A site shall be ineligible if it is within five hundred (500) miles or eight hundred (800) kilometres of the site at which selection occurs.

Section 4.8: NASFiC

If the selected Worldcon site is not in North America, there shall be a NASFiC in North America that year. Selection of the NASFiC shall be by the identical procedure to the Worldcon selection except as provided below or elsewhere in this Constitution:

4.8.1: Voting shall be by written ballot administered by the following year's Worldcon, if there is no NASFiC in that year, or by the following year's NASFiC, if there is one, with ballots cast at the administering convention or by mail, and with only members of the administering convention allowed to vote.

4.8.2: NASFiC Committees shall make all reasonable efforts to avoid conflicts with Worldcon dates.

4.8.3: The proposed NASFiC supporting membership rate can be set by unanimous agreement of the administering Committee and all bidding committees who have filed before the ballot deadline.

4.8.4: If "None of the Above" wins, or if no eligible bid files by the deadline, then no NASFiC shall be held and any supporting membership payments collected for the NASFiC site selection shall be refunded by the administering convention without undue delay.

Article 5 - Powers of the Business Meeting

Section 5.1: WSFS Business Meetings.

5.1.1: Business Meetings of WSFS shall be held at advertised times at each Worldcon.

5.1.2: The current Worldcon Committee shall provide the Presiding Officer and Staff for each Meeting.

5.1.3: ~~The Business Meeting may adopt Standing Rules for its own governance.~~ Standing Rules for the Governance of the Business Meeting and related activities may be adopted or amended by a majority vote at any Business Meeting. Amendments to Standing Rules shall take effect at the close of the Worldcon where they are adopted; this rule may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.

5.1.4: Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of (in descending order of precedence) the WSFS Constitution; the Standing Rules; such other rules as may be published in advance by the current Committee (which rules may be suspended by the Business Meeting by the same procedure as a Standing Rule); the customs and usages of WSFS (including the resolutions and rulings of continuing effect); and the current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.

[Secretary's note: A Tenth Edition of Robert's Rules of Order has recently been issued. In accordance with section 5.1.4 this new edition will henceforward be the official manual of parliamentary practice for WSFS.]

5.1.5: The quorum for the Business Meeting shall be twelve members of the Society physically present.

Section 5.2: Continuation of Committees. Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, any committee or other position created by a Business Meeting shall lapse at the end of the next following Business Meeting that does not vote to continue it.

Section 5.3: Constitutional Pass-along. Within two (2) months after the end of each Worldcon, the Business Meeting staff shall send a copy of all changes to the Constitution and Standing Rules, and all items awaiting ratification, to the next Worldcon Committee

Article 6 - Constitution

Section 6.1: Conduct. The conduct of the affairs of WSFS shall be determined by this Constitution together with all ratified amendments hereto and such Standing Rules as the Business Meeting shall adopt for its own governance.

Section 6.2: Natural Persons. In all matters arising under this Constitution, only natural persons may introduce business, nominate, or vote, except as specifically provided otherwise in this Constitution. No person may cast more than one vote on any issue or more than one ballot in any election. This shall not be interpreted to prohibit delivery of ballots cast by other eligible voters.

Section 6.3: Amendment. The WSFS Constitution may be amended by a motion passed by a simple majority at any Business Meeting but only to the extent that such motion is ratified by a simple majority at the Business Meeting of the subsequent Worldcon.

Section 6.4: Commencement. Any change to the Constitution of WSFS shall take effect at the end of the Worldcon at which such change is ratified, except that no change imposing additional costs or financial obligations upon Worldcon Committees shall be binding upon any Committee already selected at the time when it takes effect.

~~**Section 6.5: Standing Rules.** Standing Rules for the Governance of the Business Meeting and related activities may be adopted or amended by a majority vote at any Business Meeting. Amendments to Standing Rules shall take effect at the close of the Worldcon where they are adopted; this rule may be suspended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote.~~

The above copy of the World Science Fiction Society's Constitution is hereby Certified to be True, Correct, and Complete:

Donald E. Eastlake III, Chairman

Cheryl Morgan, Emergency Holographic Secretary

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Appendix I: WSFS Standing Rules with amendments ratified at Chicon 2000

Standing Rules for the Governance of the World Science Fiction Society Business Meeting

[Secretary's note: Substantive changes that were passed at the WSFS Business Meeting at Chicon 2000 (Chicago, 1998) are shown as underline type for additions and ~~striketrough~~ type for deletions. Many of the changes made at Chicon 2000 concerned the way in which the Constitution and Standing Rules are formatted and do not result in any change to the actual wording. For the sake of clarity these changes have not been highlighted.]

[Secretary's note: changes made as of the end of Chicon 2000:

- 1 *Addition to rule 4 regarding the timing of meetings.*
- 2 *Addition to rule 4 regarding the rights of the Preliminary Business Meeting.*
- 3 *Adoption of new numbering system]*

Group 1: Meetings

Rule 1.1: Meeting and Session. The Annual Meeting of the World Science Fiction Society shall consist of one or more **Preliminary Business Meetings** and one or more **Main Business Meetings**. The first meeting shall be designated as a Preliminary Business Meeting. All meetings at a Worldcon (preliminary, main, or otherwise) shall be considered a single "session" as defined in the Parliamentary Authority (see section 4.1 of the WSFS Constitution), regardless of whether such gatherings are called "meetings" or "sessions."

Rule 1.2: Preliminary Business Meeting(s). The Preliminary Business Meeting may not directly reject, pass, or ratify amendments to the Constitution; however, all motions adhering to a Constitutional amendment are in order if otherwise allowed. The Preliminary Business Meeting may not refer a Constitutional amendment to a committee unless the committee's instructions are to report to the Main Business Meeting. The Preliminary Business Meeting may not postpone consideration of a Constitutional amendment beyond the last Preliminary Business Meeting. The Preliminary Business Meeting may not amend a Constitutional amendment pending ratification. The Preliminary Business Meeting may consider any business not expressly forbidden to it by the Standing Rules or expressly reserved to the Main Business Meeting.

Rule 1.3: Main Business Meeting(s). The Main Business Meeting may reject, pass, or ratify amendments to the Constitution. One Main Meeting shall be also be designated as the Site-Selection Meeting, where Site-Selection business shall be the special order of business.

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Rule 1.4: Scheduling of Meetings. The first Main Meeting shall be scheduled no less than eighteen (18) hours after the conclusion of the last Preliminary Meeting. No meeting shall be scheduled to begin before 10:00 or after 13:00 local time.

Rule 1.5: Smoking. If smoking is allowed in the place where the Business Meeting is held, the Presiding Officer shall divide the room into smoking and non-smoking sections at the beginning of each meeting.

Group 2: New Business

Rule 2.1: Deadline for Submission of New Business. The deadline for submission of non-privileged new business to the Business Meeting shall be two (2) hours after the official opening of the Worldcon or eighteen (18) hours before the first Preliminary Meeting, whichever is later. The Presiding Officer may accept otherwise qualified motions submitted after the deadline, but all such motions shall be placed at the end of the agenda.

Rule 2.2: Requirements for Submission of New Business. Two hundred (200) identical, legible copies of all proposals for non-privileged new business shall be submitted to the Presiding Officer before the deadline in Rule 5 unless such proposals are distributed to the attendees at the Worldcon by the Worldcon Committee. All proposals must be legibly signed by a maker and at least one seconder.

Rule 2.3: Interpretation of Motions. The Presiding Officer shall reject as out of order any proposal or motion that is obviously illegal or hopelessly incoherent. In the absence of the maker of a motion or instructions to the contrary, the Presiding Officer shall be free to interpret the meaning of any motion.

Rule 2.4: Short Title. Any item of new business considered by the Business Meeting shall contain a short title.

Group 3: Debate Time Limits

Rule 3.1: Debate Time Limits; Main Motions. The Presiding Officer shall designate the default debate time for main motions. The Business Meeting may, by majority vote, set the initial debate time limit for any motion to any positive whole number of minutes.

Rule 3.2: Debate Time Limits; Allotment of Time. If a question is divided, the time limits applicable to the question before it was divided shall apply to each portion of the divided question. Debate time shall be allotted equally to each side of a question. Time spent on points of order or other neutral matters arising from a motion shall be divided equally and charged to each side.

Rule 3.3: Debate Time Limits; Amendments. Debate on all amendments to main motions shall be limited to five (5) minutes, allotted equally to each side. Time

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spent on debate of an amendment shall be charged against the time for the main motion.

Rule 3.4: Debate Time Limits; Motions Allowed After Expiration. Motions that adhere to the main motion shall not be out of order because of the expiration of debate time, but shall be undebatable.

Rule 3.5: Debate Time Limits; Minimum Substantive Debate. If the debate time expires before either or both sides of the question have had an opportunity for substantive debate, any side that has not had such an opportunity shall have two (2) minutes to be used solely for the purpose of substantive debate.

Group 4: Official Papers

Rule 4.1: Official Papers; Indicating Revisions. The Business Meeting staff shall clearly indicate all changes (including deletions) from the previous year's version when they provide the Constitution and Standing Rules for publication prior to the following Worldcon. However, the failure to indicate such changes shall not affect the validity of the documents.

Rule 4.2: Official Papers; Corrections. Any correction of fact to the Minutes or to the Constitution or Standing Rules as published should be brought to the attention of the Secretary of the Business Meeting in question and of the next available Business Meeting as soon as they are discovered.

Rule 4.3: Numbers, Titles, References, and Technical Corrections. Numbers and titles of the various parts of the Constitution and Standing Rules are for the sake of easy reference only. They do not form a substantive part of these documents nor of any motion to amend these documents. The Business Meeting Secretary shall incorporate into these documents appropriate changes as required by newly adopted amendments. When making any such adjustments required by this section, the Business Meeting Secretary shall change article and section numbers, titles, and internal cross-references as necessary to maintain a consistent, parallel structure, which shall not be altered unless the Business Meeting explicitly so directs. The Business Meeting Secretary may change punctuation, capitalization, grammar, and other wording in the Constitution and Standing Rules only insofar as such changes clarify meaning and enhance consistency, and only insofar as such changes do not modify the substantive meaning of the documents.

Group 5: Variations of Rules

Rule 5.1: Nonstandard Parliamentary Authority. If a Worldcon Committee adopts for the governance of the Business Meeting a parliamentary authority other than that specified in the Constitution, the Committee must in timely fashion publish information about how to obtain copies of the authority in question.

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Rule 5.2: Constitutional and Standing Rule Amendments. Motions to Amend the Constitution, to Ratify a Constitutional Amendment, and to Amend the Standing Rules shall be considered ordinary main motions, except as otherwise provided in the Standing Rules or Constitution. An object to consideration shall not be in order against ratification of a constitutional amendment.

Rule 5.3: Postpone Indefinitely. The motion to Postpone Indefinitely shall not be allowed.

Rule 5.4: Amend; Secondary Amendments. Secondary amendments (amendments to amendments) are not allowed except when the primary amendment is to substitute.

Rule 5.5: Previous Question. A person speaking to a motion may not immediately offer a motion to close debate. The motion for the Previous Question (also known as the motion "close debate," "call the question," and "vote now") shall not be in order when there is less than one minute of debate time remaining, nor when either or both sides of the debate have yet to speak to a question. Before voting on the motion for the Previous Question, the Presiding Officer shall, without debate, ask for a show of hands of those persons who still wish to speak to the matter under consideration.

Rule 5.6: Lay on the Table. The motion to Lay on the Table shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote for adoption.

Rule 5.7: Adjournment. The incidental main motion to adjourn *sine die* shall not be in order until all Special and General Orders have been discharged.

Rule 5.8: Suspension of Rules. Rules protecting the rights of absentees, including this rule, may not be suspended.

Group 6: Mark Protection Committee Elections

Rule 6.1: Mark Protection Committee; Nominations. Nominations for election to the Mark Protection Committee shall be allowed from the floor at each Preliminary Business Meeting. To be listed on the ballot, each nominee must submit to the Secretary of the Business Meeting the nominee's consent to nomination and the nominee's current region of residence. A nominee shall be ineligible if the nominee could not be elected due to the regional residence restrictions. The deadline for submitting such consent to nomination shall be set by the Secretary.

Rule 6.2: Mark Protection Committee; Elections. Elections to the Mark Protection Committee shall be a special order of business at a designated Main Business Meeting. Voting shall be by written preferential ballot with write-in votes allowed. Votes for write-in candidates who do not submit written consent to nomination and region of residence to the Presiding Officer before the close of balloting shall be ignored. The ballot shall list each nominee's name and region

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of residence. The first seat filled shall be by normal preferential ballot procedures. After a seat is filled, votes for the elected member and for any nominee who is now ineligible due to regional residence restrictions shall be eliminated before conducting the next ballot. This procedure shall continue until all seats are filled. Should there be any partial-term vacancies on the committee, the partial-term seat(s) shall be filled after the full-term seats have been filled.

Group 7: Miscellaneous

Rule 7.1: Question Time. During the Site-Selection Meeting, fifteen (15) minutes of program time shall be allocated to each future seated Worldcon committee. During the first five (5) minutes, each committee may make such presentations as they wish. The remaining time shall be allocated for questions to be asked about that committee's Worldcon. Questions may be submitted in writing at any previous meeting. Questions submitted in writing shall have priority over other questions if the person who submitted the question is present and still wishes to ask the question. No person may ask a second question as long as any person wishes to ask a first question. Questions are limited to fifteen (15) seconds and responses to two (2) minutes. If time permits at the Site-Selection Meeting, committees bidding for the right to host any Worldcon whose selection will take place in the next calendar year shall be allocated five (5) minutes of program time to make such presentations as they wish. The time limits in this rule may be modified by majority vote.

Rule 7.2: Dilatory Actions; Misuse of Inquiries. The sole purpose of a "point of information" or "parliamentary inquiry" is to ask the Presiding Officer for an opinion of the effect of a motion or for guidance as to the correct procedure to follow. The Presiding Officer shall treat as dilatory any attempts to circumvent the rules of debate under the guise of points of information, parliamentary inquiries, or other queries and requests.

Rule 7.3: Counted Vote. The Presiding Officer shall take a counted vote upon the request of ten percent (10%) of those members attending the meeting.

Rule 7.4: Carrying Business Forward. Motions other than Constitutional amendments awaiting ratification may be carried forward from one year to the next only by being postponed definitely or by being referred to a committee.

Rule 7.5: Continuing Resolutions. Resolutions of continuing effect ("continuing resolutions") may be repealed or amended by majority vote of subsequent Business Meetings without notice, and shall be automatically repealed or amended by applicable amendments to the Constitution or Standing Rules or by conflicting resolutions passed by subsequent Business Meetings.

Rule 7.6: Committees. All committees are authorized to organize themselves in any lawful manner and to adopt rules for the conduct of their business, which may include conducting balloting by mail and limiting debate, subject to any contrary

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provisions of the Constitution, the Standing Rules, or instructions given to the committee by the Business Meeting.

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Donald E. Eastlake III, Chairman

Cheryl Morgan, Emergency Holographic Secretary

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**Appendix J: WSFS Resolutions of Continuing Effect with additions made at
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Resolutions and Rulings of Continuing Effect

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Donald E. Eastlake III, Chairman
Kevin Standlee, Parliamentarian & Deputy Presiding Officer
Zanne Labonville, Timekeeper
Robert Sacks (standing in for Pat McMurray), Secretary
Cheryl Morgan, Emergency Holographic Secretary

CH-2000-1 The Chairman ruled that the definition of a "signature" (as per the Hugo voting rules) was a matter for individual Hugo Award committees.

BM-2000-1 Resolved, that the proper formatting of the WSFS Constitution is as follows:

1. The WSFS Constitution is divided into a number of Articles, which are numbered in Arabic numerals, thus: 1, 2, 3, 4...

2. Each Article is divided into a number of Sections, which are numbered with their Article and Section number in Legal format in Arabic numerals, thus: 1.1, 1.2,.... Each Section has a title relevant to its contents.

3. Each Section may be divided into subsections, which are numbered with their Article, Section and subsection number in Legal format in Arabic numerals, thus: 1.5.1, 1.5.2,.... Subsections do not have titles.

4. Enumerated lists of items are numbered with their sequence number in Arabic numerals enclosed in parentheses, thus: (1), (2),....

5. Sections should be arranged in approximately chronological order within articles, as should subsections within sections, and items within lists.

BM-2000-2 Moved, to encourage Worldcons who tape their sessions to make copies available to the Worldcon history exhibit.

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1999 Business Meeting, Melbourne, Victoria

Jack Herman, Chairman
Zanne Labonville, Timekeeper.
Pat McMurray, Secretary

No Resolutions or Rulings of Continuing Effect were made at Aussiecon III

1998 Business Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland

Tim Illingworth, Chairman
Don Eastlake, Deputy Presiding Officer
Kevin Standlee (standing in for Kathy Westhead), Timekeeper
Pat McMurray, Secretary
Robbie Bourget, Master-at-Arms

CH-1998-1 The Chairman ruled that it was in order to nominate sitting [appointed] members of the Mark Protection Committee for election to the Mark Protection Committee.

1997 Business Meeting, San Antonio, Texas

Donald E. Eastlake III, Presiding Officer
Kevin Standlee, Secretary
Zanne Labonville, Timekeeper

CH-1997-1 The Chair ruled that the Business Meeting could create "recognized publications" (as contemplated in the motion being debated) by resolution.

1996 Business Meeting, Anaheim, California

Donald E. Eastlake III, Presiding Officer
George Flynn, Secretary
Kevin Standlee, Parliamentarian and Deputy Presiding Officer
Zanne Labonville, Timekeeper.

No Resolutions or Rulings of Continuing Effect were made at L.A.Con III

1995 Business Meeting, Glasgow, Scotland

Kevin Standlee, Presiding Officer
Tim Illingworth, Deputy Presiding Office
George Flynn, Secretary
Gary Feldbaum, Timekeeper

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- BM-1995-1 It is the sense of the WSFS that it is inappropriate for a Worldcon Committee to gather additional demographic data on the site-selection and/or the Hugo Award ballots beyond that which is required by the WSFS Constitution, or useful for the efficient administration of the balloting.
- CH-1995-1 Balloting is necessary, unless the rules are suspended, even if the number of Mark Protection Committee nominees is the same as the number of seats to fill, since write-ins are allowed.
- CH-1995-2 It is out of order, unless the rules are suspended, to change an existing working group to a committee.
- CH-1995-3 It is out of order to amend a motion so as to simply undo an amendment previous[ly] adopted at the same session; however, the motion to Reconsider may be available.
- CH-1995-4 In response to an inquiry as to the meaning of "published in advance" in rules related to the Business Meeting published in advance by the Worldcon Committee, the Chair ruled that such rules would have to be printed with the official documents, and not included by reference, although a reference could be made to an existing parliamentary manual.
- CH-1995-5 The Chair ruled that the Standing Rules do bind the Worldcon Committee.
- CH-1995-6 Persons casting site-selection ballots by mail may change their vote as long as practical until the tallying begins. [It was pointed out at the 1996 Business Meeting that 1995-R-6 meant it was appropriate to allow a change, not that it was required.]

1994 Business Meeting, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer
George Flynn, Secretary
Kevin Standlee, Parliamentarian
Rick Katze, Timekeeper

BM-1994-1 WSFS Electronic Archives

RESOLVED, the Committee on Motions of Continuing Effect is hereby requested to maintain a list of sites that volunteer to keep public electronic archives of WSFS-related material. Worldcons are requested to transmit to such sites a copy of the current WSFS Constitution, Standing Rules, Business Passed On, and Business Meeting Minutes whenever new versions are available for distribution. The Committee on Motions of Continuing Effect is also requested to transmit to those same sites a copy of its report on such motions and any other reports deemed appropriate

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for general distribution. Materials made available electronically are not to contain personal information such as mail address or phone number without the express consent of the individual whose information is to be contained therein.

- BM-1994-2 RESOLVED, that WSFS strongly encourages prospective Hugo categories to be tested before being submitted to the WSFS Business Meeting

1993 Business Meeting, San Francisco, California

John Lorentz, Presiding Officer
David Levine, Secretary
Kevin Standlee, Parliamentarian
Rick Katze / Jeff Canfield, Timekeepers

- CH-1993-1 It was ruled that the Secretary has the authority to correct typographical and grammatical errors in the Constitution, Standing Rules, and Business Passed On.
- CH-1993-2 A motion to take the vote on an Objection to Consideration by written ballot was ruled to be in order.
- CH-1993-3 A motion which referred to the place of residence of a named individual was ruled to be in order.
- CH-1993-4 A suggestion of 50 years as the debate limit for a motion was ruled to be dilatory.
- CE-1993-5 The Chair ruled that a Constitutional provision beginning with the word "Provided" and effecting [sic] only one year would automatically disappear from the Constitution after that year.

1992 Business Meeting, Orlando, Florida

Bruce Pelz, Presiding Officer
Ben Yalow, Parliamentarian
George Flynn, Secretary
Kevin Standlee, Timekeeper

- BM-1992-1 The Mark Protection Committee is directed to investigate the possibility of protecting the Hugo rocket symbol and, if in its judgement the protection is worthwhile, to begin the process of protecting it.
- BM-1992-2 The Mark Protection Committee is directed to use its judgement in selecting which marks to protect in which countries to achieve maximum protection with available resources.

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- BM-1992-3 The Mark Protection Committee is authorized to negotiate royalties for commercial use of WSFS marks.
- BM-1992-4 It was the sense of the meeting that all (unofficial) site-selection results should be posted as soon as they are known. It was noted that future Worldcons could not be bound in this respect.
- CH-1992-1 Ruled that if "None of the Above" wins the NASFiC balloting and the decision goes to the Business Meeting, the Business Meeting can not choose "None of the Above".
- CH-1992-2 Ruled in connection with use of the WSFS marks that
- (1) use by Worldcon and bidding committees is not commercial use,
- (2) a blurb of "Hugo Winner" on a book's cover would not count as commercial use but a book like The Hugo Award Winners would be, and
- (3) T-shirts produced for a Worldcon by an outside vendor would be commercial use.

1991 Business Meeting, Chicago, Illinois

Ross Pavlac, Presiding Officer
Bruce Pelz, Assistant Presiding Officer
Yale F. Edeiken, Parliamentarian
Theresa Renner, Staff Sergeant-at-Arms
Richard S. Russell, Secretary
Kevin Standlee, Timekeeper

- BM-1991-1 (right after the Vote Count from Hell) Resolved, That the Business Meeting recommends that all future Worldcons adopt the practice of validating site-selection ballots as they are received, rather than after site-selection balloting closes.
- CH-1991-1 Ruled that an Objection to Consideration is still in order, after debate on the time set for a motion, if debate has not touched on the substance of the motion.
- CH-1991-2 After a tie vote which did not include the podium staff, an attempt was made to add the podium staff votes. A point of order was raised that all who wish to vote must do so at the same time (except that the chair should generally refrain from voting but may then add their single vote if it affects the outcome). This point of order was found to be well taken.
- CH-1991-3 An objection was raised that the chair should not try to influence the vote while voting is taking place. The chair agreed.

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1990 Business Meeting, The Hague, The Netherlands

Bruce Pelz, Presiding Officer
George Flynn, Secretary
Ben Yalow, Parliamentarian
Rick Katze, Timekeeper

BM-1990-1 Resolved, That the Business Meeting recommends that all future Worldcons adopt the practice of validating site-selection ballots as they are received, rather than after site-selection balloting closes.

CH-1990-1 A point of order was raised against a motion because the seconder was eleven years old. The chair ruled that the point of order was not well taken as there are no age limits on membership in the society.

1989 Business Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer
Bruce Pelz, Deputy Presiding Officer
Kent Bloom, Secretary
Rick Katze, Timekeeper
Theresa Renner, Sergeant-at-Arms

CH-1989-1 The chair ruled that any amendment to the Constitution imposing additional financial reporting requirements would not apply to a Worldcon held before the requirement went into effect.

1988 Business Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana

Bruce E. Pelz, Presiding Officer
Elayne F. Pelz, Secretary
Ben Yalow, Parliamentarian

BM-1988-1 Every Worldcon Committee is requested to include the following additional notice in each of its publications:

The World Science Fiction Society and the World Science Fiction Convention are not related to "World SF, The International Association of Science Fiction Professionals."

1987 Business Meeting, Brighton, England

Tim Stannard, Presiding Officer
Tim Illingworth, Secretary
Ben Yalow, Parliamentarian

CH-1987-1 The chair ruled that a quorum need not be present to hear reports.

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1986 Business Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia

Bruce E. Pelz, Presiding Officer
Elayne F. Pelz, Secretary
Ben Yalow, Parliamentarian

- BM-1986-1 The Mark Registration and Protection Committee is authorized to appoint a representative to engage in discussion with "World SF, The International Organization of Science Fiction Professionals", aimed at minimizing name conflicts.
- BM-1986-2 All Worldcon and NASFiC Committees are encouraged to financially support the Mark Registration and Protection Committee.

1985 Business Meeting, Melbourne, Victoria

Jack Herman, Presiding Officer
Kent Bloom, Secretary
Donald Eastlake, Parliamentarian

- BM-1985-1 It is the sense of the Business Meeting that the name of "World SF, The International Association of Science Fiction Professionals", does not infringe on any proper trademark of WSFS.
- CH-1985-1 The chair directed that the Mark Registration and Protection Committee should respond to requests for lists of Hugo winners provided that the use of service marks is noted.

1984 Business Meeting, Anaheim, California

Ross Pavlac, Presiding Officer
George Flynn, Secretary
George Scithers, Parliamentarian
Bob Hillis, Timekeeper

- BM-1984-1 The Mark Registration and Protection Committee should be directed concerning pursuit of registration for particular marks only by resolution of the Business Meeting.

NOTE: BM-84-1 was passed after CH-84-1 and CH-84-2 were made

- BM-1984-2 (a) The current Worldcon Committee should be neutral between committees bidding for future Worldcons. It should not request or accept money or supplies from any one bidding committee without making equivalent opportunity available to any competing committee(s).

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(b) This resolution shall not preclude any individual member of a Worldcon Committee from offering his or her services, funds, or supplies to a bidding committee.

(c) This resolution shall not preclude the current Worldcon Committee from accepting the services of a bidding committee or its members, nor shall it preclude a bidding committee from offering services or merchandise to members of a Worldcon.

- CR-1984-1 The chair directed that if the present appeal of the refusal of the US Patent and Trademark Office to register "Science Fiction Achievement Award" fails, no further attempts should be made to register that mark.
- CR-1984-2 The chair directed that the Mark Registration and Protection Committee should pursue registration of the mark "NASFiC" if the NASFiC continues in existence.
- CR-1984-3 A motion to refer a site-selection rotation zone plan to the United Nations was ruled out of order.
- CH-1984-4 The chair ruled that the convention where the voting would take place should be taken as the deadline for the presentation of documents by write-in site selection bidders.

1983 Business Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland

Kent Bloom, Presiding Officer
Mary Morman, Secretary

- CH-1983-1 A Constitutional amendment was up for ratification which divided a Hugo category into two new categories. A motion was made to delete one of the new categories. The chair ruled that this was permissible at the ratification stage and that further ratification the following year would not be needed if the change were adopted. The ruling of the chair was appealed and the assembly overruled the chair, deciding that such a deletion was out of order at the ratification stage in this case.
- CH-1983-2 A Constitutional amendment up for ratification was reworded with more neutral language but with no change in meaning. A point of order was raised that this would require it to be ratified again in changed form the following year. The chair ruled this point of order was not well taken.

1982 Business Meeting, Chicago, Illinois

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer
George Flynn, Secretary
Rick Katze, Counsel
Leslie Turek, Timekeeper
Paula Lieberman, Sergeant-at-Arms

BM-1982-1 Whereas recent Worldcons have had, and future Worldcons can expect to have, significant excess funds following the close of the convention;

And whereas there has been considerable debate and discussion in the past about the appropriate uses for these funds;

And whereas there are many organizations that would be worthy recipients of such funds;

And whereas it is difficult to choose which of the many worthy organizations should receive said funds;

Be it resolved that the following organizations are considered by the World Science Fiction Society to be among those worthy to receive donations:

- a. recognized fan charities, such as TAFF, DUFF, CUFF, TOFF and the FAAn Awards;
 - b. established national fan organizations, such as the NFFF and the Fantasy Artists Network;
 - c. PBS, NPR, and their local affiliates, for the production and/or sponsorship of science fiction programming;
- and
- d. future Worldcon committees.

NOTE: The above motion as originally proposed also listed "Small, established regional conventions;"; "Established local fan organizations, especially IRS code 501(c)3-recognized not-for-profit organizations;"; and "Local public libraries, for improvements to their science fiction collections;". These were specifically deleted from the list of acceptable recipients by vote of the Business Meeting.

CR-1982-1 The chair ruled that an amendment up for ratification may be changed so as to decrease the scope of the amendment and such a change does not require farther ratification at the next Business Meeting.

CH-1982-2 The chair ruled that when the procedure of filling a blank is used to determine debate time limits at a Business Meeting, voting should start

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with the longest time period and proceed to shorter time periods until one obtains a majority.

- CH-1982-3 The chair ruled that the opinions of the Business Meeting chair as to the meaning of Hugo category definitions are not binding on future Worldcons.
- CH-1982-4 A motion was introduced that would direct future Worldcons supervising site selection to disqualify any bid that used hotels from a particular chain as the main convention hotel until certain conditions were met. The chair ruled the motion out of order on the grounds that requirements for bidding are specified in the WSFS Constitution and additional criteria cannot be imposed without amending the Constitution.
- CH-1982-5 A motion to amend the Standing Rules to impose additional criteria for NASFiC bidders to appear on the ballot was ruled out of order by the chair on the grounds that bidding criteria are specified by the Constitution and any additional criteria can only be imposed by Constitutional amendment. (The ruling of the chair was appealed and the chair was sustained by vote of the assembly.)
- CH-1982-6 The chair ruled that actual personal signatures are not required on motions submitted in writing as long as the makers of the motion are identified.
- CH-1982-7 The chair ruled that "generally available" means you can get it if you want it, not that there have to be copies for everyone who might want it.

1981 Business Meeting, Denver, Colorado

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer
George Flynn, Secretary
Rick Katze, Sergeant-at-Arms
Bob Hillis, Timekeeper

- CH-1981-1 The chair ruled that the term "publications" includes everything sent to all members, and also flyers, etc.

1980 Business Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer
George Flynn, Secretary
Mike Lalor, Sergeant-at-Arms
Bob Hillis, Timekeeper

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- CH-1980-1 The chair ruled that in the Standing Rules the phrase "the same Business Meeting" includes all sessions at a given Worldcon.
- CH-1980-2 The chair ruled that in the case of the adoption of an entire new Constitution for WSFS, general amendments would be in order at the time of ratification.
- CH-1980-3 The chair ruled that Section 2.6 of the WSFS Constitution requires that at least three nominees in each Hugo category appear on the final ballot provided that there are at least three nominees. (The ruling of the chair was appealed and the chair was sustained by a vote of 19-3.)
- CH-1980-4 A motion was introduced to authorize a named individual to select and publish a series of "retrospective Hugos" for the years 1926 through 1951. A point of order was raised that, in light of the WSFS Constitution provisions prohibiting extending the name to any award other than that awarded by the mechanism provided in the Constitution, this would require a Constitutional amendment The chair ruled that this point of order was well taken.
- CH-1980-5 The chair ruled that allegations of misconduct involving a non-Hugo award administered by a Worldcon are not WSFS Business. (The ruling of the chair was appealed and the chair was sustained by a vote of 20-1.)

NOTE: 1980 was the first Business Meeting at which a special committee to register and protect the WSFS marks was created This committee was continued from year to year until a constitutional amendment was adopted in 1982 and ratified in 1983 giving these duties to the Standing Committee. The composition of the Standing Committee was identical to that of the Board of Directors in a new Constitution being considered in those years (see note after BM-78-01). A further constitutional amendment passed in 1985 and ratified in 1986 changed the name of the committee to the Mark Registration and Protection Committee. A further amendment passed in 1990 and ratified in 1991 simplified the name to the Mark Protection Committee.

1979 Business Meeting, Brighton, England

Donald Eastlake, Presiding Officer
Rick Katze, Secretary

NOTE: The written notes of the Secretary and a tape recording of the Business Meeting were both destroyed in an apartment fire before they could be transcribed or distributed Thus no minutes exist for this Business Meeting. A note of actions has however been prepared based on Ben Yalow's surviving copy of the Agenda for the Main Meeting together with his notes.

1978 Business Meeting, Phoenix, Arizona

Bob Hillis, Presiding Officer
Donald Eastlake, Secretary
Jack Speer, Parliamentarian
Mike Lalor, Timekeeper

BM-1978-1 A permanent body, the World Science Fiction Society, Incorporated (WSFS, Inc.) should be established, independent of any Worldcon Committee, whose members will be the members of the current and upcoming Worldcons. The Board of Directors of WSFS, Inc. should be selected by the members of the Society and by current and recent Worldcon Committees.

WSFS, Inc. should be responsible for the administering of voting for selection of the Hugos and the sites of future Worldcons. No change should be made in either Hugos or site selection as a result of the establishment of WSFS, Inc. except as necessary to administer the voting.

In cases of a Worldcon Committee becoming unable to properly manage its designated Convention, either because of internal collapse or misconduct, then, after investigations and due process, the Board of Directors should have the right to remove the name "World Science Fiction Convention" and the awarding of the Hugos, site selection and the holding of the Society's Business Meeting from the control of the guilty Committee and to award them to another responsible group.

NOTE: As initially passed this resolution also continued a WSFS Constitution Drafting Committee that had been set up even earlier This committee existed for a number of years, being chaired by various fans at various times. Ultimately it came up with a full Draft Constitution, a large part of which were debated and perfected at a WSFS Business Meeting Finally, at the 1983 (??1982) WSFS Business Meeting a report of the committee was received and the committee dismissed with thanks but no further steps were taken to perfect or adopt the new Constitution. While no steps are being taken to put the above resolution into effect, nothing has ever been done to repeal or contradict it either

NOTE: At the 1988 Business Meeting a motion to repeal resolution BM-78-1 was introduced and defeated

NOTE: The 1978 Business Meeting was the one at which the first set of permanent Standing Rules for the Governance of the WSFS Business Meeting as provided in the Constitution, were adopted.

1977 Business Meeting, Miami Beach, Florida

Bob Hillis, Presiding Officer
Larry Smith, Secretary

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- CH-1977-1 The Convention Chairman asserted a right to co-preside at the Business Meeting without replacing the Presiding Officer
- CH-1977-2 The chair ruled that an Objection to Consideration could not be made unless good reasons for the objection were given. The ruling of the chair was appealed and the chair was overruled.

NOTE: Minutes are not available for the 1977 Business Meeting The above is based on notes made by Bob Hillis after consultation with Larry Smith

1976 Business Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri

Bob Hillis, Presiding Officer
Larry Smith, Secretary
George Scithers, Parliamentarian

- CH-1976-1 Immediately after calling the meeting to order, the Presiding Officer asked for and received a unanimous vote to the effect that the Constitution printed in program book was invalid and that a document distributed to the Business Meeting was the valid current Constitution with a set of pending amendments as passed in 1975 at Aussiecon. (A minor correction was later made, after researching the original language passed in 1972 at LACon I, in the wording of the separate eligibility of the English language translation of a work originally published in a language other than English.)

NOTE: Previous practice was to incorporate all changes in the text with the understanding that the change was not binding on the next Worldcon unless it wished to observe this. Considerable confusion resulted. In addition there had been attempts to adopt major changes at DisCon II in 1974 and Aussiecon in 1975 while bypassing the one year delay. Bill Brown had ruled that changes made at DisCon II needed to be ratified but changes at Aussiecon went into effect immediately.

- CH-1976-2 The chair ruled that amendments could be offered to constitutional amendments pending ratification provided that the proposed change would constitute a lesser change from the existing Constitution than the original language passed the previous year.

NOTE: This Business Meeting adopted a set of Standing Rules, asserting its authority over its own procedures, but these were not yet provided for in the Constitution

NOTE: Minutes are not available for the 1976 Business Meeting The above is based on notes made by Bob Hillis after consultation with Larry Smith.

Appendix K: Business passed on to The Millennium Philcon

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The following Constitutional Amendments were approved at Chicon 2000 and are passed on to The Millennium Philcon for ratification.

Hugo Voting Clarification

Moved, to amend Section 3.10 of the WSFS Constitution as follows:

3.10.1: Final Award voting shall be by ~~mail-balloting in advance of the Worldcon, with ballots sent only to WSFS members.~~ Only WSFS members may vote. Final Award ballots shall include name, signature, address, and membership-number spaces to be filled in by the voter.

NASFiC Reporting

Moved, To amend the WSFS Constitution by replacing all occurrences of "Worldcon" in Sections 2.8 and 2.9 by "Worldcon or NASFiC" or effectively similar wording, as follows:

Section 2.8: Financial Openness. Any member of WSFS shall have the right, under reasonable conditions, to examine the financial records and books of account of the current Worldcon or NASFiC Committee, all future selected Worldcon or NASFiC Committees, and the two immediately preceding Worldcon Committees and the Committees of any NASFiCs held in the previous two years.

Section 2.9: Financial Reports.

2.9.1: Each future selected Worldcon or NASFiC Committee shall submit an annual financial report, including a statement of income and expenses, to each WSFS Business Meeting after the Committee's selection.

2.9.2: Each Worldcon or NASFiC Committee shall submit a report on its cumulative surplus/loss at the next Business Meeting after its Worldcon.

2.9.3: Each Worldcon or NASFiC Committee should dispose of surplus funds remaining after accounts are settled for the current Worldcon or NASFiC for the benefit of WSFS as a whole.

2.9.4: In the event of a surplus, the Worldcon or NASFiC Committee, or any alternative organizational entity established to oversee and disburse that surplus, shall file annual financial reports regarding the disbursement of that surplus at

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each year's Business Meeting, until the surplus is totally expended or an amount equal to the original surplus has been disbursed.

Cheryl Morgan, Emergency Holographic Secretary

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Appendix L: Aussiecon Three financial report

**AUSSIECON THREE - THE 57TH WORLD SF
CONVENTION**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the four years ended June 30, 2000
Amounts are in US dollars

Revenue

Memberships	208,024
Advertising	11,379
Art Show	623
Banquet	2,524
Creche (Childcare)	364
Fund Raising	5,245
Hucksters	3,524
Sponsorship	1,145
Reimbursements	578
Interest	4,072
<u>Pass Along Funds</u>	<u>44,398</u>
	<u>281,874</u>

Expenses

Administration	15,210
Chair (including GOH expenses)	30,521
Finance	7,198
Facilities	107,363
Fixed Functions	7,517
Major Events	7,914
Program	2,525
Publications	39,795
Publicity	17,246
WSFS	12,549
<u>Income Tax</u>	<u>1,434</u>
	<u>243,965</u>

Totals

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Revenue	281,874
<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>243,965</u>
Surplus before Pass Along	37,909
<u>Pass Along Funds</u>	<u>18,955</u>
Net Surplus	18,955

All figures are taken from the audited financial report prepared by Rose Mitchell, Treasurer. Australian dollars were converted to United States dollars at the prevailing rate as of 29 August 2000 (A\$1.00 = US\$.5723) and figures were rounded to the nearest dollar.

For Aussiecon Three

Stephen Boucher/Mark Linneman